

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

transportation policy of Canada, on provincial rights, and what is the answer given by the federal government to the Quebec government in that connection?

**Mr. Speaker:** I wonder whether this question could not instead be put during consideration of the bill referred to by the member.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****NORTH VIET NAM—USE OF FUNDS GIVEN FOR AID**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. My question is based on a statement contained in a question asked of the Prime Minister by the hon. member for Bow River on January 24 in which he said, as recorded at page 12159 of *Hansard*:

To review my question, it referred to \$50,000 of aid to Viet Nam of which 90 per cent was going to North Viet Nam, to the Viet Cong, for purposes other than to assist civilian victims.

Has the Prime Minister received a letter from Dr. A. M. Inglis, chairman of the committee on Canadian Aid for Viet Nam Civilians, which committee, I might mention, is sponsored by a number of Canadians including the leader of our party and the hon. member for Kootenay West, which outlines the facts with respect to the distribution of this aid—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is not asking a question. He is obviously making a statement, and perhaps he should have made it on motions.

**Mr. Herridge:** Mr. Speaker, may I just repeat the question. Has the Prime Minister received a letter from Dr. Inglis, chairman of the Committee on Canadian Aid for Viet Nam Civilians, with respect to the—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest to the hon. member that it is not sufficient to ask whether a letter has been received. Perhaps he might want to complement the question, although I suppose I am asking for trouble in that suggestion.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the house leader, the Minister of Public Works, if he would mind having a conversation with the hon. member for Kootenay West and explain some of the rules to him.

[Mr. Allard.]

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Prime Minister. Has the government protested to the United States against using in Viet Nam war equipment made in Canada and bought by the United States? Was the report correct that a protest was made by the Canadian government in this regard?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I think I have already dealt with that matter, Mr. Speaker. There has been no such protest.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Then may I ask is the government now going to take any steps with reference to money that is being sent to the Viet Cong from Canada, to be used for war equipment against the western world?

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, our information is that the supplies that may be going to Viet Nam are medical supplies, and there is no authorization required under our law to send medical supplies to any part of the world.

**Mr. Woolliams:** As a further supplementary question, has the Prime Minister examined the report I sent him? I think he has read the report which says the money was not going to war victims. Has he made any investigation to determine to the satisfaction of himself and his government that the money is being used for that purpose?

**Mr. Pearson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have been making inquiries, and I believe the Secretary of State for External Affairs has been discussing the matter this morning with representatives of some of these organizations.

**Mr. Herridge:** As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, has the Secretary of State for External Affairs anything to report to the house as a result of his discussions with representatives of some of these organizations?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** No, Mr. Speaker, the discussions are not concluded.

**SPORTS****HOCKEY—PROPOSED TOUR OF EUROPE BY TEAMS FLOWN BY R.C.A.F.**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. K. H. More (Regina City):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence, or possibly it should be directed to the associate minister. Has the