

will be making an intervention later today or tomorrow. In view of the fact that at this stage these discussions are held in camera, and as there is no finality in the matter at the moment, I feel that it would not be in the interests of a solution if I were now to anticipate the stand that Canada may take with regard to this question.

In the light of proposals which are now before the conference, proposals that have been made by the Prime Minister of Singapore, the foreign minister of Zambia and several other representatives, I would prefer—and I think my right hon. friend would agree—that the matter should be left this way at this stage.

Mr. Diefenbaker: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Apparently the minister has not been informed of what the Prime Minister said on arrival in the United Kingdom, as reported in the *London Times* of Tuesday, which says:

Refusing to commit either himself or his country—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. gentleman knows that according to the rules he cannot quote directly from the report on which he wishes to base his question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I had to refer to what was reported in the *London Times* so I could bring it to the attention of the minister. May I ask the minister, did not the Prime Minister himself on arrival in the United Kingdom advise that this matter should be dealt with by the prime ministers' conference and not by the United Nations?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): At the opening of this conference the position of a good number of the countries in the Commonwealth was that it would be desirable if possible to try to bring about a solution of the Rhodesia problem within the Commonwealth. I believe this is something for which we all would aim. This does not, of course, preclude the possibility of examining a resort to procedures which might be available under the charter of the United Nations. I am not saying that resort will be made to such procedures, but in the discussion which is now underway there will undoubtedly be proposals calling for an examination of alternatives.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The minister mentioned the proposal of the prime minister of Singapore. Would he not agree that the acceptance of the proposition put forward by the prime minister of Singapore for the sending

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of troops, from whatever part of the Commonwealth they might come other than the United Kingdom, is not in keeping with Commonwealth responsibility or tradition?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): We all have our views as to what would be the wisest course, but I think instead of declaring these views while the conference is in progress it would be better to suspend judgment.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Prime Minister has made his statement.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

PROPOSED VISIT TO CANADA BY THE QUEEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Earlier this week, in reply to a question I asked, the Acting Prime Minister said he hoped within several days to make an announcement in connection with the plans for the visit to Canada of Her Majesty the Queen. In view of comments in the press and reports coming from London, I wonder whether he has a statement for the house at this time.

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): The Prime Minister has been in communication with the premiers of the provinces. He has not heard from three of them, and I am afraid that the anticipation I expressed the day before yesterday may not be realizable this week.

Mr. Thompson: Does an invitation to Her Majesty the Queen to Canada involve permission from the provinces before it can be extended or announced?

IMMIGRATION

PROVISION OF ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR IMMIGRANTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo South): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. In view of the 200,000 immigrants expected in Canada and the serious shortage of housing to accommodate them, can he tell the house what action he intends to take to ensure that adequate housing will be available for these immigrants?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): The figure mentioned by the hon. member relates, as he said, to the number of immigrants anticipated. I do not know whether those who have not yet