

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I shall certainly take that suggestion into consideration. As a matter of fact, after the right hon. gentleman raised this matter a few weeks ago I asked the department to give me a resumé of the current chaos in the law affecting obscenity.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I thank the minister for his reply. May I suggest he should look at the situation in the state of Michigan, where the law has worked very well to keep pornography out of the homes.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES—
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF
GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Following his meeting with the Voice of Women this morning on some aspects of foreign policy, can the minister indicate to us what the government's present policy is with regard to Canada's joining the Organization of American States?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the hon. member is asking for a policy statement from the minister. However, the minister may reply briefly, if he wishes to do so.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the matter is under consideration.

[*Translation*]

EXCHEQUER COURT OF CANADA

PUBLICATION IN FRENCH OF RULES
AND PROCEDURE

Mr. André Fortin (Loisbinière): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Justice.

Is he in a position to tell us today exactly when the publication in French of the rules and general orders of the Exchequer Court which he promised in January, will be tabled?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I had been assured, Mr. Speaker, that those rules and general orders would be published in both languages in the near future, but I will seek information from the Chief Justice of the Exchequer Court.

[*Mr. Diefenbaker.*]

[*English*]

CANADA CORPORATIONS ACT

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITY
STOCKHOLDERS

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is the minister giving consideration to the situation of minority stockholders, who have faced apparent discrimination in connection with recent corporate mergers and take-overs, when preparing amendments to the Canada Corporations Act?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PERSONNEL OF PRICES AND COSTS
COMMISSION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether he is in a position to announce the membership of the new board to be established in connection with the investigation of prices and costs and, if not, when we may expect an announcement in this regard?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker; not yet. When this question was last raised I asked the hon. gentleman whether he had any suggestions to make with regard to the membership, but I have not yet received any.

Mr. Stanfield: May I ask the minister whether the country may soon expect to learn the composition of this board or whether it will have to wait as long as it waited for the white paper?

Mr. Basford: I said with regard to the white paper that the policy enunciated therein would serve as a basis for consultation with the interested economic groups in the country. I believe it would be wholly improper for me to name the board before that process has been completed.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

COMOX-ALBERNI—INQUIRY AS TO HOLDING
OF BY-ELECTION

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether he has yet had time to consider a date for the by-election in