

days, purporting to reflect Canada's foreign policy, are invalid or just premature?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have no reason to believe that any statement made by the Minister of National Defence, or by anyone purporting to speak on behalf of that department, is not consistent with the foreign policy of this country as already enunciated.

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact it is my understanding that the minister is going to appear next week before the external affairs committee of the other place, would he agree to use his good offices to call a meeting of the standing committee on external affairs of this house so that he may give evidence with respect to statements made by the chief of staff in the defence committee that affect foreign policy very seriously?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I do not want to reply to the last part of my hon. friend's question because I think it does not have obvious application. The Prime Minister has already indicated our desire to have the external affairs committee of this house meet. I believe steps have been taken toward that end. With regard to the hearing before a committee of the other place, it must not be forgotten that it too is a part of parliament.

#### INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Prime Minister. Is it true that the hon. member for Verdun paid a visit to Mr. J. S. Rockefeller on behalf of the government to see what amendments to the Bank Act might be proposed that could reconcile the differences of opinion existing between the Minister of Finance and the Minister without Portfolio?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF UNIFICATION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

the Prime Minister. In view of the assurances of the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Defence that the defence committee would have full opportunity to look into the advantages or disadvantages of the proposed unification of the armed forces, with full freedom to call qualified witnesses before that committee, and in view of the fact that the Liberal members on that committee have now in effect applied closure, would the Prime Minister exert his influence on the members of his party to enable the full examination which he assured us would be possible to take place?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that 37 meetings having already been held—and I believe 39 is the number of meetings which have already been called—ample opportunity has been given to discuss the matter.

**Mr. Harkness:** As a supplementary question, is the Prime Minister aware that only nine presentations have been made by witnesses who could be looked upon as being independent witnesses—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Harkness:** —and would he—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is now seeking to discuss proceedings in a committee which has not reported, and doing that is against the rules.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS

POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING THROWING OF PAMPHLETS ON FLOOR

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. Chester MacRae (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Solicitor General. Is he yet in a position to advise whether he intends to lay charges in connection with the incident yesterday during which we were bombarded with pamphlets?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This is a matter which, with respect, does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Solicitor General.

#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REPORTS TO CORPORATION BY OFFICIALS HAVING COLOUR TELEVISION SETS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosiern):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of