

External Affairs

In so far as the United Nations emergency force is concerned, the Leader of the Opposition this morning said his party put forward this idea a year or so ago, and that is true. I acknowledged that in statements I made in this house in November. I would remind him, however—I said this in the House of Commons last November and I call it again to his attention—that this government—and we take no special credit to ourselves for this—had been putting forward the idea of a United Nations force for years, and in this particular case a United Nations force for the Middle East. At the opening meeting of the committee on external affairs last summer, I think it was, when I appeared after my hon. friend had mentioned this matter in the House of Commons, I put this idea before the committee, because it had been the subject of discussion here in the house, in the hope that the committee on external affairs might go into it in more detail. That was not taken up in any way, shape or form by my hon. friends who were members of the committee, or by any member of that party. No mention was made of it.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I brought the matter before the house and you ridiculed it.

An hon. Member: Six o'clock.

Mr. Pearson: There was no ridiculing. The committee on external affairs spent their time on general policy, and we talked about the Middle East. I have mentioned these things—

Mr. Churchill: Six o'clock.

Mr. Pearson: —because of what my hon. friend said this morning.

Mr. Churchill: I rise on a point of order. The agreement was that the minister should go on past six o'clock if he answered questions. He is not answering any questions at all. He is just making a rebuttal. It is now six o'clock.

Mr. Garson: A great sport is the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill).

Mr. Speaker: I understood that an arrangement was arrived at earlier, by unanimous consent, that the house would go on after six o'clock. Now the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre, rising on a point of order, says he is withdrawing unanimous consent as

far as he is concerned. If we are sitting after six o'clock there must be unanimous consent. It takes just one hon. member to withdraw that consent.

Mr. Knowles: Maybe the hon. member should withdraw.

Mr. Pearson: I have three more questions which were asked and which I should like to answer.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Answer the questions and stop making your political speech.

Mr. Churchill: Six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am sorry, but unanimous consent has been withdrawn.

An hon. Member: He can't take it any more.

Mr. Speaker: As it is six o'clock this house stands adjourned—

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In order that the record may be clear—

Mr. Sinclair: Six o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Six o'clock.

Mr. Fulton: On a point of order—

Mr. Sinclair: Your man called it six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: I do not know why a point of order should be raised at the moment. I am simply announcing that we are through for the day. This house stands adjourned—

Mr. Knowles: Who are "we"?

Mr. Speaker: —until Monday at 2.30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Green: Could we have the business for Monday?

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance asked me to announce that he would like to take the final supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year on Monday and, after they were completed, any item that suited the general convenience under government orders; and that on Tuesday the budget debate would be resumed.

It being seven minutes past six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.