

MAINLAND CHINA—EFFECT ON RECOGNITION OF BORDER CLASHES WITH U.S.S.R.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Having regard to the animosity, if not bitterness, between the U.S.S.R. and communist China today, have the border incidents that have taken place had any effect as a deterrent on the desire of the Canadian government to recognize communist China?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the question of the recognition of the Peking regime is, I think, quite independent of these developments. We are not proposing to have relations with the Peking government because we agree with their philosophy or their actions; it is only in order to promote the cause of peace.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The eight or ten-man band to my right is very vocal today—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker:—even though they do not have their leader, the hon. member for Burnaby-Seymour, here today. The question I asked, Mr. Speaker, was whether what is happening in the continent of Asia has had any effect on the rush on the part of the Canadian government to bring about recognition of communist China.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, it has taken us a long, long time—many, many years—to get around to this point, and I do not think we should be deterred at this moment.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs can now tell the house when we can expect a decision to be made on the diplomatic recognition of mainland China.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, we have had the first contacts between the Peking regime and ourselves. I expect the negotiations will be very long. I assure the right hon. member for Prince Albert that we shall show just as much patience as the Chinese.

Mr. Diefenbaker: They did not creep on their hands and knees.

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CANADIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF FILM INDUSTRY

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. In view of the hostility existing between the Canadian Film Development Corporation and the members of the film-making industry, as indicated by recent representations, will the Secretary of State encourage the appointment of an advisory council from members of the industry to provide a continuing point of contact for discussions with the C.F.D.C., designed to facilitate the development of a feature film industry in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this very interesting question should be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Dinsdale: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. I ask whether the Minister without Portfolio from Winnipeg South has tendered his resignation to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question—

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has asked a question, and there did not appear to be a response.

Mr. MacInnis: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister is indicating to me that I should get up on my feet. Perhaps he did not understand the question. I will repeat it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the Prime Minister heard the question. He can see it in *Hansard*, if he did not hear it.

CANADA LABOUR (SAFETY) CODE

PROMULGATION OF RAILWAY REGULATIONS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour supplementary to questions I have asked earlier in the session regarding the Canada Labour (Safety) Code. In view of the last statement the minister