

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

very wide in scope and of the type which should be answered on motions.

**Mr. Harkness:** With respect, I do not think so. I believe the minister is prepared to state Canada's position with regard to this important matter.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I should like to take this question as notice.

DECISION RESPECTING MEMBERSHIP IN  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of a reported statement by the Minister of Transport over the week end, is it now a fact that the Canadian government has decided that Canada should not become a member of the Organization of American States?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The question as asked is argumentative.

SHIPPING

REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL  
BOAT HARBOURS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the large number of requests for copies of the report by Dr. Tom How on the administration of small vessel harbours, and in view of the desire of many people to help the government to arrive at a speedy solution to problems of this sort on the Pacific coast, would the minister reconsider his earlier decision not to make this report public?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** I will be glad to think about it. It is, of course, an internal document, but as I indicated what we might do is extract certain of the contents for publication. I will give the question further consideration.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I.—INQUIRY AS TO  
FUTURE OF BASE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** Mr. Speaker, about two weeks ago the premier of Prince Edward Island led a delegation to Ottawa which conferred extensively with the Minister of National Defence. I now ask the

Prime Minister, inasmuch as this delegation returns tomorrow, whether in view of the very serious economic situation that has developed in Prince Edward Island, particularly this winter, he will be in a position to assure the premier and the members of that delegation that there will be no reduction at this time in the Canadian Forces base at Summerside.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we are making good progress in working out arrangements which I think will be satisfactory to the provincial and federal authorities.

IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Several months ago the minister indicated to the house that he would be proposing amendments to the act at the earliest possible opportunity. I should like to ask the minister if he is in a position to say whether any amendments will be proposed before the adjournment of the session.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think it will be difficult before the present session is adjourned, but I believe that next session we shall propose some amendments to the Immigration Act.

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BEFORE RECESS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is it possible for the Prime Minister to indicate to the house what items of business the government has on its list for parliament to deal with before we adjourn or rise for a certain event that some of us have heard about?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we must dispose of this bill, and I hope positively.

Then there are the supplementary estimates and interim supply. Perhaps we could then adjourn, although I know my hon. friend does not want us to adjourn because he wants to save the country from too many speeches,