

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION****REMOVAL FROM CITIZENSHIP COURTS OF
PORTRAITS OF QUEEN**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Will he now table in the house the instructions issued under his authority to the citizenship courts to remove portraits of Her Majesty the Queen, and at the same time will he give the house an explanation of his unprecedented and unwarranted action?

[Translation]

Hon. René Tremblay (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as the right hon. Leader of the Opposition had the courage to make charges against the government about this yesterday, at a press conference, I do not feel it would be proper for me to reply in his absence, and I would very much like him to be in his seat when I do give him my answer.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF DEPART-
MENTAL ESTIMATES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, in order to see whether the government's courage is on the same level as that expressed by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, would the President of the Privy Council as house leader tell us whether we can have the estimates of the Department of External Affairs on Thursday, in order to dispel the web of obfuscation so ably woven by the Secretary of State for External Affairs with regard to Canada's position concerning a number of aspects of international relations?

An hon. Member: Come on. Where is the courage?

Mr. Woolliams: Where is the courage on Banks, too?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, it is usual to announce the business at the conclusion of the day's sitting, and I will be glad to announce Thursday's business tonight.

[Later:]

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question

[Mr. Speaker.]

to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the time is fast approaching when the United Nations will be meeting officially, could the minister advise the house whether he expects his estimates will be studied before that meeting, so the official delegates and parliamentary observers from Canada will learn the opinions of the house, prior to the meeting of the United Nations, on some of the important matters which undoubtedly will have to be discussed there?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I shall have to speak to the house leader about this.

Mr. Winch: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question of the President of the Privy Council in his capacity as house leader. Will arrangements be made for the estimates of the Department of External Affairs to be brought before the house prior to the meeting of the United Nations, so the opinions of the house can be conveyed to the official delegates and the parliamentary observers on the important matters that are bound to come before the United Nations?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I shall note what the hon. member has stated. A decision as to the business of the house will be made by the usual methods, which may involve consultation with the various party house leaders. I hope to make an announcement at ten o'clock.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS**FLIN FLON, MAN.—ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP
FEDERAL BUILDING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Has the minister anything to report or can he say what action is being taken in relation to a serious attempt which I understand was made yesterday to damage or destroy the federal building in Flin Flon, Manitoba, by the placing of some 14 to 16 sticks of powder with fuse attached in the mail depository box?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, all I can say is that the incident was brought to my attention within a very short time after it occurred, and it is under active investigation by the police and the other authorities.