

NATIONAL FILM BOARD

ALLEGED INITIAL RELEASE TO UNITED STATES VIEWERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Mégantic (Mr. Langlois) raised a question with respect to a film produced by the National Film Board, and quoted a story in the *New York Times*. His complaint was that a film had been produced by an agency of government, the National Film Board, and had been shown for the first time in the United States.

I have now ascertained that the facts are as follows: The film was premiered in English on the C.B.C.'s English television network on May 15 last, and in French on the French network on May 29. Twenty nine English prints have been in circulation since June in Canada, and 16 French language prints since July. The occasion to which the hon. member referred was perhaps the first private showing to a private audience in New York, and I am informed that the attendance included the Canadian Consul General. However, the film has been widely released in Canada for over five months.

As to the film content I am informed it is not a racist film. It was built around a Toronto man who was interned in concentration camps during the war, and who took his son back to the camps on a pilgrimage to expose him to the horrors which took place there. The film is called by a very learned film viewer, Pat Pearce of Montreal a "philosophy on film". It has been entered in international film festivals at Venice, San Francisco, Montreal and Vancouver and has won a prize at each.

FINANCE

INQUIRY CONCERNING REPORT OF CARTER COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that most of my letters regarding taxation problems in respect of woodlots, gravel pits and lakefront lots have been answered with the suggestion that the Carter commission report may contain recommendations in this regard, and in view of the fact that my questions before the committee have been treated in the same way, I should like to ask how soon we can expect the Carter commission report to be completed.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): I regret, Mr. Speaker, that I am still unable to answer that question. I indicated the other day that some parts of the report were now in the hands of the printer, but I am really not in a position yet to forecast the date we will receive it.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—FEDERAL FUNDS TO ASSIST IN BUILDING PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether he has received any further requests from the premier of British Columbia for federal financial assistance in the building of public projects in that province?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. I might say that the requests we have received were fairly large in themselves.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

O.A.S.—REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON MEMBERSHIP OF BARBADOS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he has received any communication regarding the statement of the new prime minister of Barbados about taking the initiative in joining the O.A.S., and the relationship of this decision to Canada? If not, can the minister make a statement regarding Canada's policy in this respect?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not.

[*Translation*]

LABOUR RELATIONS

VOTE BY FRENCH NETWORK C.B.C. EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour.

In view of the results of the vote taken by C.B.C. French network employees could the minister tell us whether he intends to leave the decision arising out of that vote in the hands of the Canada Labour Relations Board or whether he intends to have a special investigation on the vote and to take the necessary steps to accede to the requests of those C.B.C. French network employees?