

FINANCE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON TAXATION
COMMISSION REPORT RESPECTING
MINING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the disastrous effects of the Carter commission report on the mining industry, particularly in British Columbia, will the minister be making an announcement soon regarding the government's intentions in respect of that aspect of the commission report relating to taxation of mining companies?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to answer that question today.

EXPO '67

REPORTED UNDERWORLD CONNECTIONS OF
ASSOCIATED FIRMS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce or the Solicitor General, and relates to the statement last week by the former minister of justice of Quebec, Mr. Wagner. He suggested that four companies in Montreal working at Expo were fronts for the underworld. Is the government making any inquiries in this regard and, if so, will the minister report to the house on this matter as soon as possible, if not today?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I have been informed by Expo officials that these allegations are being investigated by the Quebec provincial police and Expo security officials. As have officials of my department, I have been in touch with Expo officials, and the R.C.M.P. are co-operating in this investigation.

Mr. Langlois (Mégantic): Will the minister give further details to the house regarding this matter when the reports have been received?

CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATIONREPORTED AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA
RESPECTING BROADCASTING

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has entered into an arrangement or agreement with the Soviet union or the Kremlin in connection with broadcasting, and what are the terms of the arrangement, if any?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether they dealt with the Kremlin, but I read in the newspapers that such an agreement had been negotiated. I will have to check the information in this regard.

Mr. Diefenbaker: It could be with no one else if it was with Russia.

NATIONAL PARKS

BANFF—PROTEST RESPECTING LEASING
POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, asking whether he has received a petition signed by 324 residents of Banff protesting his policy with respect to leases. What does he plan to do about this matter?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I have received a number of letters from individuals, but if a petition with 324 names has been sent this has not been drawn to my attention.

[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

REQUEST FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION
OF PRESENTATIONS TO BOARD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration as member of the special cabinet committee inquiring into the Canada Labour Relations Board.

Is the minister in a position to say, further to the charges made by the C.N.T.U., of which he is a former president, that it could not be heard nor present its requests in French before the Canada Labour Relations Board, whether he now intends to take the necessary steps to have the French language recognized and to have simultaneous translation of the proceedings of the Canada Labour Relations Board?