

be represented and the minister advised that he would take the question as notice.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member ask a question. I do not think much is to be gained by repeating in full what was said yesterday.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): You will understand, Mr. Speaker, that I had to elaborate the question for the right hon. gentleman. May I ask the Prime Minister whether a government representative is going to be present at the mass meeting to be held in Sydney on Sunday?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to discuss the matter with the Minister of Transport, who my hon. friend will be glad to know is in the Atlantic provinces.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the Prime Minister has apparently been successful in ordering the Minister of Transport not to go west to further his own personal ambitions—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Springfield.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I did not realize that the hon. member wanted to ask a supplementary question. If he does I will recognize him.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I do have a supplementary. May I ask the right hon. gentleman whether he would order the minister to stay in the east and attend this meeting at Sydney on Sunday?

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Springfield has been trying to get the floor and perhaps we had better pass on to another matter.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): I have been trying to ask a question for some time, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think when the Chair recognizes an hon. member others should give him the opportunity to be heard.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the serious unemployment in the Atlantic provinces and the lay-offs of Canadian National employees, is the minister going to attend the coming meeting at Sydney which is to deal with this most serious subject?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it is not my intention to attend that meeting.

[Translation]

EXTERNAL AID

ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN EXPO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, my question is intended for the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs, but in his absence I will direct it to the right hon. Prime Minister.

In view of the fact that, under the Colombo plan, many countries in the world receive millions of dollars in aid from the Canadian government, would the right hon. Prime Minister tell us whether Canada has been asked to make special grants to some of the countries represented at Expo '67?

Mr. Speaker: I think the question is too general. I suggest to the hon. member that he could more properly put it on the order paper.

[English]

CANADA LABOUR CODE

INQUIRY AS TO PROCLAMATION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour and it relates to the Canada Labour (Safety) Code which was passed last December. Can the minister now say when this legislation will be proclaimed and when the regulations under it will be put into effect?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, earlier in the year, replying to a question in the house, I said that our objective was to have the legislation proclaimed and publish the regulations before the end of the year. There has been no change in that timetable so far as I know.