Inquiries of the Ministry URANIUM

ALLOCATION OF UNSOLD PORTION OF GUNNAR MINES CONTRACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. A. Webb (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry. Would the government consider allocating to Metal Mines Limited, Bancroft, Ontario, the unsold Gunnar Mines-United Kingdom contract for 1,200,000 pounds of uranium oxide, thereby assuring the operation of Metal Mines Limited until the end of 1964 without any other assistance from the government?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Would the hon. member put this question on the order paper?

Mr. Webb: Mr. Speaker, it is very urgent at this time.

Mr. Speaker: I am quite sure there is no doubt about the importance of the question, but according to the rules handed to me by the house questions must be of sufficient urgency and importance to require an immediate answer. It does seem to me, not knowing what the minister has in mind, that he is entitled to notice on this question to be able to make a full and correct answer.

Mr. Webb: Then I should like to give notice to debate this at ten o'clock.

BROADCASTING

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Could he, today or tomorrow, make the statement he is supposed to make concerning the setting-up of a commission of inquiry on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and tell us what kind of a commission it will be?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): I am sorry I cannot make such a statement today or tomorrow, but I shall certainly do so next Monday.

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SHIPPING

MEASURES RESPECTING WATER LEVELS IN LAKE HURON AND GEORGIAN BAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. It is urgent and [Mr. Pearson.] will require just a simple answer. Will the minister soon be in a position to announce emergency measures to meet the low water conditions in lake Huron and Georgian bay?

Mr. Speaker: This surely is a question for the order paper.

Mr. Aiken: I merely asked if the minister would soon be in a position to make an announcement, which only requires a yes or no answer. I think the minister is prepared to answer.

Mr. Speaker: Whether the minister is ready or not, it is my duty to apply the rules as given to me by the house, and there is not that sense of urgency or importance that would require an answer at this time.

WATER RESOURCES

PEMBINA RIVER-REQUEST FOR REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources and ask him whether he has had any recent communication from the international joint commission in regard to the Pembina river development project in Manitoba and North Dakota?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): No, Mr. Speaker.

PUBLICATIONS

INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT RESPECTING PENDING LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I want to ask the Prime Minister a question, Mr. Speaker, in relation to the periodicals issue. I would like to ask the Prime Minister whether in recent personal interviews he has had with the principals in the case—I am thinking of Maclean-Hunter and *Time* magazine—he has informed them he intends to proceed with the legislation in the form in which it was originally presented to this house.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have had no interview on this matter with any representative of *Time* magazine. I did have an interview with representatives of Maclean-Hunter publications. The resolution is on the order paper and we will proceed with it.

Mr. Fisher: As is?