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UNITED NATIONS

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA—CANADIAN POSITION RESPECTING MANDATE OF SOUTH AFRICA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the importance of the issue concerning South African control of Southwest Africa and the resolution which is now before the United Nations, would the minister inform the house whether a vote is expected soon and, if so, what are the government's instructions to Canadian delegates with regard to the vote on the resolution?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as I explained the other day, the government has taken the position that South Africa has forfeited her right to administer the mandate and we shall register a vote on the resolution in accordance with this policy.

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

EXTENSION OF PURCHASE DATE FOR COIN SETS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance, one which could result in an income of some \$200,000 or \$300,000 for the government, and I am sure he will be interested in that. Would the minister consider extending the cut-off date for the purchase of 1966 proof sets of coins from the mint and advertise the fact that the date is being extended, with the result that additional purchases would be made, rather than having the employees engaged, as I understand they are currently, in tearing 1966 proof sets of coins out of their pliofilm holders because there is now a surplus of 200,000 to 300,000 sets?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will take the hon. member's suggestion under consideration.

IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO REVISION OF APPEAL PROCEDURE

On the orders of the day:

tors and immigrants to this country, bail to say something on it later.

[Mr. Pearson.]

being refused by inquiry officers, and the preventing of these people from having a review by higher courts. Has the minister a report to make on that now?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker; tomorrow.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEDICARE—REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF EFFECTIVE DATE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the announcement by the government house leader that there is to be a two or three day break between second reading of Bill C-227 and committee consideration, may I ask the Prime Minister whether the government will seriously use this time to reconsider the effective date of that legislation?

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the Prime Minister's answer to my question.

Mr. Pickersgill: The question was out of order.

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that this is the type of question which should be asked in the course of debate, and the debate on the bill is going to continue in a moment when I have called orders of the day.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NEW YORK-FREEZING OF BANK ACCOUNTS OF CANADIAN CONSULATE EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he has received an urgent complaint from Canadian consulate employees in New York that the Intra Bank has frozen the accounts of many Canadian employees, and that action should be taken to protect the interests of the Canadian consulate which pays rent to Intra Bank for office space owned by that bank?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, my right hon. Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. friend was kind enough to send me notice of Speaker, on October 14 I directed a question this message, which is the first intimation I to the Minister of Manpower and Immigra- have had of it. I have asked that the matter tion in reference to civil rights affecting visi- be looked into at once and I hope to be able