

Mr. FLEMING: It may be because we have a new kind of situation where Canada is carrying on hostilities without being de facto at war with a particular country, that we have got to give consideration to closing a gap which may be in the law of this country.

Mr. COLDWELL: We must be careful not to fall into the trap of being like the iron curtain countries.

Mr. FLEMING: Anything which is to be done must be done by process of law.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: It is a question of law. It may be there is a gap which should be closed. If she has committed treason in north Korea, then she is liable to the penalties of the law. But if she has not committed treason, I do not know how you would try her.

Mr. GREEN: There is no reason why a communist cannot go from Canada to Russia, thence into north Korea, and then come back peddle her stories all over the country. The government must face that possibility.

Mr. FRASER: She will likely come back here with a whole lot of Russian pictures which the Russians have taken and handed to her to transmit here. Of course, those pictures will be fakes; but they will blame it all on the United Nations forces.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: We have been subjected to that kind of thing right in the United Nations itself.

Mr. FRASER: Oh, yes.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: The Russians show those pictures at the United Nations.

Mr. LOW: The suggestion is made that when Mrs. Rodd comes back she be sent as our ambassador to Baffinland for a period of 25 years. The legal authorities can take up that matter.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: What we can do here is to investigate the nature of her attacks if she returns. I do not know for certain if she has been in north Korea or not.

Mr. FRASER: If she does return to Canada, she will undoubtedly have in her possession a great deal of literature, pictures and one thing and another. Is there no way by which the authorities could intercept that material when she arrives in Canada?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: We would be glad to look into it.

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask the minister something a little different from this matter. I do not know if he can tell me, but has any progress been made about an amendment to the Migratory Birds Act?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Yes, there has been great progress made.

Mr. HIGGINS: Thank you very much.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: And I hope it will be possible to say something about it in a day or two, in case you do not already know about it.

The CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a motion to adjourn now? Could we agree to meet on Monday evening at 8.00 o'clock?

Agreed.

Thank you, Mr. Minister, and thank you, gentlemen.