

Bill C-95, to amend the Criminal Code (elimination of premium stamps in food establishments)—Mr. Klein.

Bill C-96, respecting observation and treatment of drug addicts—Mr. Klein.

Bill C-97, to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act (removal of Kitsilano trestle)—Mr. Basford.

Bill C-98, to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act (prevention of water pollution)—Mr. Basford.

Bill C-99, to amend the Combines Investigation Act (professional sports)—Mr. Basford.

Bill C-100, to amend the Canada Elections Act (political affiliations of candidates on ballot papers)—Mr. Basford.

Bill C-101, to amend the Canada Elections Act (eighteen year old voters and candidates)—Mr. Basford.

Bill C-102, to amend the Financial Administration Act (truth in receiving bill)—Mr. Basford.

Bill C-103, to provide in Canada for the dissolution of marriage—Mr. Basford.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE AND STATEMENT ON AGENDA

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, regarding this semi-formal federal-provincial meeting to be held in Ottawa on July 5 I would ask the Prime Minister whether he would table the correspondence that has been sent to the various premiers; would he advise what is on the agenda and whether, as suggested in the press, that this was a subject discussed between him and Premier Robarts on the occasion of the opening of Expo? Was the determination of this meeting made then.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall be very glad indeed to table the letters I sent to the provincial premiers in regard to this matter, and I shall immediately ask their permission for that tabling. I should think there would be no difficulty about that, and I will deal with it as quickly as possible. The letter itself will indicate the nature of the meeting. Also the date of the letter will show that it went out some time before I met Mr. Robarts at Expo in Montreal.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Would the Prime Minister say whether there is any prepared agenda, or is this just a kind of handshaking meeting?

Mr. Pearson: I hope it will be a handshaking meeting. Also I hope it will be more than that.

Inquiries of the Ministry

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—STATEMENTS RESPECTING CANADA'S POSITION ON CONTROL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister with regard to his denial of the statements made by Mr. Gerald Clark of the Montreal *Star* and Mr. Tim Ralfe of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to the effect that Canadian military personnel attached to the Canadian mission of the I.C.C. in Viet Nam have been passing on information to the United States authorities. Before that denial was issued was any attempt made to get in touch with either of these two gentlemen to ascertain what evidence they have upon which they based their statements?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in answer to that question perhaps I should read the following statement which deals with it. Members of the Canadian delegation in Viet Nam are not engaged in clandestine or spying activities. I repeat that, Mr. Speaker. That was the reply I gave yesterday.

These Canadians, just like the other members of the international truce commission, carry out a quasi diplomatic task which includes observation of local conditions and discussions with the local authorities of both North and South Viet Nam. The Canadians in Hanoi have been working under difficult circumstances now for 13 years, along with Poland and India, and have done and are doing their best to meet their international assignment.

With reference to allegations that the Canadian delegation in Saigon prepares its reports in duplicate with one copy for Ottawa and the other for the United States embassy in Saigon, the Secretary of State for External Affairs stated that the allegations in question are based on pure speculation. The Canadian delegation reports to the Canadian government and the Canadian government only; it is for the Canadian government to decide in the case of these reports, as all others, what use is to be made of them in the course of normal diplomatic exchanges with other countries. Any departure from this procedure would be entirely contrary to established practice, and there is no authority for it.

Mr. Douglas: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Has the Prime Minister or