

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

press. I know nothing about them. Certainly when the time comes to appoint a commissioner we will appoint the best commissioner that we can obtain from any source.

## ALASKA HIGHWAY—INQUIRY AS TO PAVING

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that Mr. Delmar R. Carlson, the officer in charge of Canadian affairs in the United States administration has purported to announce the Canadian government policy—I refer the minister to the portion of the letter which I read to him earlier on my question of privilege—will the minister or his colleague the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources tell the house what the policy of the Canadian government is in respect of the paving of the Alaska highway?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** In so far as this question relates to the department over which I preside, I have already indicated that I propose to examine the reply given earlier in the light of my hon. friend's comment.

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

## REVIEW OF SECURITY PROCEDURES—EFFECT ON UNIVERSITY INVESTIGATIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the principles he enunciated last Friday with regard to security investigations will result in any changes in the procedures recently followed at universities. I ask this in relation to representations made to the Prime Minister by university professors and student organizations.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** The changes in the regulations as such would not, as I understand them, apply to the problem of the universities that has been in the minds of some hon. members concerning activities on the university campus. We have discussed this special problem with representatives of the universities, and we hope to meet them again next week to discuss with them the new regulations and any matters arising out of them which would concern the universities.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## RAYMOND RODGERS—INQUIRY AS TO PRESS GALLERY PRIVILEGES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur):** I should like to ask the house leader a question in

which you, Mr. Speaker, have an interest. I ask it of you and the house leader as a member of the commission on internal economy. I want to know whether there is any possibility of a quick resolution of a long standing situation whereby the parliamentary correspondent of the *St. Catharines Standard* has been excluded from the facilities supplied by the crown in this parliament.

I should like to explain that this is not a matter of urgent national importance, but some of us want to take some further action through the machinery available, and we need an answer to this question before we do.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State):** I would have no idea what kind of answer to give. If Your Honour can throw any light on the matter I would not wish in any way to prejudge your decision.

**Mr. Speaker:** I appreciate very much the interest taken by the hon. member for Port Arthur in this difficult situation. I wish to assure him that although it is taking a considerable time to reach a right and just decision involving not only a certain gentleman in question but the whole matter of principle, there are many urgent matters which require immediate attention from day to day, as hon. members will appreciate. There has not been sufficient physical time to make the proper study which the case merits, and which is so much in the mind not only of the Speaker but of other persons concerned in the matter.

I wish to assure the hon. member that just as soon as it is physically possible to give the proper time and attention to this really serious matter of principle, it will be done, and I hope a just decision rendered.

## INQUIRY AS TO SITTING ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. F. J. W. Fane (Vegreville):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister if, when he is considering his statement about the future work of this house, he will consider declaring Monday, November 11 a holiday for all Canadians as well as for the members of this house and the people who work in the House of Commons.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I may be wrong, but I think November 11, a day which means so much to so many people, is already a legal holiday. I believe the best way that parliament can show its observance of this day would be by working.