

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 4, 1966

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

HATE LITERATURE

TABLING OF REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, by leave of the house I wish to table the report, in English and French, of the special committee on hate propaganda in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Has the hon. member leave to table the document?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT OF DEFAMATORY LIBEL DEFINITION TO INCLUDE HATE LITERATURE

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford) moved leave to introduce Bill No. C-164, to amend the Criminal Code (group defamatory libel).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, this bill proposes to enlarge the definition of defamatory libel, as it appears in the Criminal Code, to include hate literature. Because such literature is in many cases the expression of a sick mind, the bill further proposes that any person charged or convicted of publishing such a libel shall be placed under mental observation to determine whether he is mentally ill.

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM TO ASSIST PERSONS IN NEED

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure, to be known as the Canada Assistance Plan, to establish a program for sharing with the provinces in the cost of assistance, including health care and welfare services, provided to or in respect of persons in need, including mothers and children, older

persons, disabled persons and unemployed persons who are in need, and in the cost of developing and improving assistance and welfare services programs including child and youth welfare programs throughout Canada; to provide for the making of arrangements for extending provincial welfare programs, with the approval of Indian bands, to Indians with reserve status, and for the making of payments to the provinces with respect to the cost of so extending those programs; to provide for the making of payments to the provinces with respect to the cost of specialized projects for assisting and rehabilitating persons in need or likely to become persons in need who have unusual difficulty in obtaining or holding employment; to provide for amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act, the Disabled Persons Act, and the Unemployment Assistance Act that are incidental to or consequential on the introduction of the Canada Assistance Plan; and to provide further for the extension of the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act to the Canada Assistance Plan.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

NATIONAL DEFENCE EXPENDITURES BY PROVINCES

Question No. 35—**Mr. Allard:**

During the fiscal years 1964-65 and 1965-66, excluding the amounts assigned to armament programs, what have been, by provinces, the expenses of the Department of National Defence, including salaries paid to the armed forces and civilian personnel, travelling expenses, food supplies, heating, clothing and other similar items?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): Information is not now available to provide an accurate answer to this question and the necessary expert staff is not available to undertake the large amount of work which would be required to gather the necessary information.

[*English*]

FEDERAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BY PROVINCES

Question No. 350—**Mr. Davis:**

1. Taking into account, as between the federal government and the government of British Columbia, all the revenue received by the federal government (including direct taxes, indirect taxes