

REPORTED EXCLUSION OF OUTSIDE PRESS  
PHOTOGRAPHERS

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice):** I was about to reply to a question that had been put to me yesterday by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition and the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi in connection with the taking of pictures at the conference. The reply I wish to make is that press photographers were allowed into the conference room for nearly half an hour at the opening of the conference yesterday. Press photographers can, furthermore, take pictures of members of the federal and provincial delegations as they come into or leave the conference room. This, I am informed, as well as the taking of an official photograph by the national film board, accords with the practice which has been followed at previous federal-provincial conferences.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPORTED EXISTENCE OF SPY RING WITHIN  
DEPARTMENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Real Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs?

Is the Secretary of State for External Affairs in a position to confirm or deny the existence of a spy-ring within his department, as stated in an Ottawa newspaper, the *South End News*, yesterday?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will look into the article in question and may give a reply tomorrow.

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HOUSING

SASKATOON—DISQUALIFICATION WITH RESPECT  
TO WINTER CONSTRUCTION BONUS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue. Did the minister receive a telegram yesterday from the hon. member for Saskatoon (Mr. Jones) regarding disqualification of about 60 houses in Saskatoon from the \$500 winter construction bonus, unless by November 30 the owners comply with a sudden new instruction regarding fabrication on site, which completely contradicts earlier C.M.H.C. instructions? What action does the minister propose to take in regard to this matter, which will seriously

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affect the operations of the building companies involved because they cannot comply with this new regulation?

**Hon. J. R. Garland (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, without accepting some of the implications in the hon. member's statement, I would like to say I have been in touch with the hon. member for Saskatoon and sent him a wire earlier today which I think will satisfy that hon. gentleman, who is a well known and popular member of the house and who we are all sorry is unable to be here today.

**Mr. G. D. Clancy (Yorkton):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question. The deadline was November 10, for applications to December 1 for completing the floor basements and floor joists. I think the regulations should be looked into if the minister is going to make this plan work this year. Would he take that into consideration?

**Mr. Garland:** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the hon. gentleman to restate his question.

**Mr. Clancy:** The tender form I received from the department stated that all applications had to be in by November 10, 1963. Another clause stated that if certain work was completed after December 1, 1963, it would not be considered. Would the minister look into the regulations?

**Mr. Garland:** I want to be helpful, Mr. Speaker, but I think all I can say at this moment is that I will look into the hon. member's question.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PROTEST AGAINST ABANDONMENT OF  
HUMBOLDT-MELFORT LINE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister been informed of the strong protest by the municipalities and boards of trade of territories which will be affected by the abandonment of a C.N.R. grain line between Humboldt and Melfort, because without doubt this will affect the agricultural industry in that area. I would like to register my personal protest against the abandonment of this very important grain line.

MASTER AGENCY PLAN—CLOSING OF STATIONS  
IN EDMONTON AREA

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport with regard to