

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Douglas: On a point of order, I am simply asking under what authority the regulation was passed since the act itself is not in effect.

Mr. Speaker: That is why I felt the question was not in order.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): May I ask the Prime Minister, when he discusses this matter with the minister of manpower, to call attention to the fact that the impact of this regulation falls largely on new immigrants, and that this seems to be inconsistent with the terms of the white paper.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is making a representation.

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): A supplementary question. In view of the fact that the minister of education of the province of Ontario has made a strong protest in this regard, stating that some 7,000 people under this program will be seriously affected, I should like to join with the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam in strongly requesting—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for York South. I trust this will be a question and that the hon. member will not join in representations made by other members.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I think your wish will be observed, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he will be good enough to discuss with the minister of manpower the possibility of tabling a copy of the regulation and the authority under which it was passed.

Mr. Pearson: I will be glad to do that.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**VIET NAM—REPORTED PREPARATION FOR PEACE KEEPING OPERATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley): I should like to address my question to the Prime Minister and ask him whether the government has instituted a crash program, as has been reported, to prepare for possible peace keeping operations in Viet Nam.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. The normal planning is going on.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I should like to ask the right hon. gentleman whether
[Mr. Speaker.]

he or anyone in the government has expressed any regret or made any protest in connection with the most recent and most dangerous escalation of this war by the bombing inside the territory of Haiphong.

Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, I have made no protest, nor would I even consider doing so until I had detailed information as to the nature of this particular operation.

[Translation]

TRANSPORT**QUEBEC—SALE OF BAIE COMEAU-RIMOUSKI FERRY**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Has he received representations from the Baie Comeau chamber of commerce about the sale to the British Columbia Ferries of the ferry *Père Nouvel* which provides service between Baie Comeau and Rimouski?

[English]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I am not sure whether I have received any protest from that particular organization, but I have received some representations and these are being considered at the moment.

[Translation]

Mr. Ricard: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Would the minister say whether grants have been asked from the federal government for the Nord-Sud Company in connection with the ferry service?

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I suggest the hon. member place his question on the order paper.

[English]

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS**QUEBEC—PROPOSED CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Some weeks ago I asked the Prime Minister, when the legislation was before the legislature of Quebec, whether his attention had been drawn to what has been called the external affairs law empowering the government of Quebec to deal directly