

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

## REMOVAL OF QUEEN'S PICTURE FROM CANADIAN CURRENCY

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, I have a specific question for the Minister of Finance. Does he intend to accede to the request made yesterday by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Choquette) to the effect that the government remove the effigy of the Queen from Canadian currency?

[Text]

**Mr. Habel:** Keep that question for ten o'clock tonight.

Some hon. Members: Order paper.

**Mr. Pigeon:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to discuss this matter after ten o'clock.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## COMMUNIST CHINA—STATEMENT BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER RESPECTING RECOGNITION

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Guy Marcoux (Quebec-Montmorency):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs now that he is back in the house. Can he explain what he meant in The Hague when he spoke about a new Canadian policy concerning communist China?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will have the opportunity to discuss this matter on Friday next, when we will study the estimates of the Department of External Affairs.

[Text]

**Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, with your permission I have a question I would like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Having in mind what appear today to be the gathering clouds over Laos, South Viet Nam, Cuba and the Middle East, would the minister undertake to include in his statement on Friday, on the estimates of his department, his assessment of Canada's involvement or relationship in these dangers?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, there will be an opportunity on Friday to discuss these matters.

[Mr. Pearson.]

## CYPRUS—NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** I wish to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if his attention has been drawn to reports that the government of Cyprus is negotiating the purchase of bombers, fighter planes, torpedo boats and heavy equipment, and whether any representations are being made to the government of Cyprus through the United Nations to make sure that these purchases will not be used to further aggravate the delicate situation in Cyprus at the present time?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** The answer is yes, sir.

## COAL

## REQUEST FOR INCREASED PURCHASES FROM NOVA SCOTIA BY ONTARIO HYDRO

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of a report in today's *Globe and Mail* that the cost of United States coal in Ontario will increase substantially in the near future, and in view of the fact that the amount of United States coal imported into Canada last year was up by two million tons over the previous year, would the minister consider making representations to Ontario hydro to encourage increased purchases of Nova Scotia coal?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take the hon. member's suggestion into consideration.

[Later:]

**Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (Macleod):** Mr. Speaker, I have been trying to catch your eye for five minutes. Sitting back here in the corner, as I am, that seems impossible. I wanted to ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Trade and Commerce but I see he has left the chamber. I only hope some other minister or member of his staff will take note of it. Now that he is giving consideration to supplying the Ontario market with coal, and in view of the rise in price of United States coal, I hope he will take into consideration the supply of coal which has traditionally served Ontario from the Crowsnest pass of Alberta. I ask him if he will take into consideration the coal from the Crowsnest pass of Alberta.