

been named by the president of the United Nations along with 32 other countries to serve on a committee to consider what steps should be taken to preserve the peace keeping machinery of the United Nations and give it the opportunity of successful operation. Canada will serve on that committee, and will seek to persuade the other members of the committee that one of the essential roles of the United Nations is that of peace keeping, operating under the principle of shared and collective responsibility. It will also seek to impress upon the other members of the committee, including the great powers, and later on the general assembly, the importance of some financial accommodation by all member states including those now in default so the United Nations can discharge its functions, as it has in the past, with respect to peace keeping.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

LACK OF FRENCH COVERAGE IN WESTERN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. I have just returned from a trip to western Canada and I noticed that in regard to the C.B.C. French network which, according to the English expression covers Canada from coast to coast, the "coast" stops at Winnipeg and St. Boniface.

Now, why does not the French network serve the whole population across Canada, and what is the department waiting for to serve the French Canadian ethnic group in western Canada, in Vancouver, in Victoria, in British Columbia, and give them an adequate French radio and t.v. service?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, we are waiting for the Fowler committee recommendations on this problem as well as some others.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

When coming into the house this afternoon, I noticed that two seats were unoccupied in front of us: the one next to the hon. member

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for Cochrane (Mr. Habel) and another one. Does the Prime Minister retain those vacant seats for two eventual members of his cabinet?

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MONCTON, N.B.—POSSIBLE RUN-THROUGH OF TERMINAL

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Margaret Rideout (Westmorland): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the Freedman commission is meeting in Moncton on Tuesday, March 2, will the minister give some assurance that the Canadian National Railways does not anticipate any run-through of the Moncton terminal? This possibility has caused concern to the running trades and other employees of the Canadian National Railways.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, perhaps you would permit me to congratulate the hon. member on adorning the house and to say to her that the Freedman commission is concerned, of course, with Nakina and Wainright. I am assured by the Canadian National that as Moncton is one of the main places on their lines there is no thought of any curtailment of activity there of the character that seems to have been feared in some quarters.

AGRICULTURE

MILK—REPORTED NEW PRICE POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. We have just lost him, so in his absence—temporary, I hope—I will direct my question to the Prime Minister. Is the report in the *Montreal Gazette* correct, to the effect that the new policy concerning the price of milk across the country will be in two main categories? First, natural milk will be subsidized and under the complete jurisdiction of the provincial governments and, second, all other milk destined for different forms of transformation will be under the jurisdiction of the federal department?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the minister has left because he, along with other members of the cabinet, is meeting a delegation from the national farmers union, and I will be following him