

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

BRITISH COLUMBIA—COURT DECISION RESPECTING LEASED RESERVE LAND

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) asked me whether any application had been made for my department to participate in financing an appeal on a British Columbia superior court ruling on rented lands.

Representations were made to the department asking that it help pay the cost of an appeal on that ruling. The matter is now under study with the Department of Justice. As soon as a decision has been reached, I shall advise the hon. member.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, on page 48 of today's order paper you will see question No. 300, which I put there on September 27, about the authorization granted to a Cypriot ship, registered at Tamagusta, to sail between Montreal and Newfoundland. In the absence of the Minister of Transport, I would ask the Prime Minister if he could give us an answer. In view of recent events, I am wondering if it was not the *Christina*, a ship owned by Mr. Onassis of Greece—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is not allowed to make a speech at this time.

Mr. Dumont: I will ask my question, Mr. Speaker, if you will let me.

I would like the Prime Minister to tell us if it was not the *Christina* which was preventing—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Dumont: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Frontenac (Mr. Dumont) on a point of order.

Mr. Dumont: Mr. Speaker, yesterday, on a similar question put by the member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) you allowed comments to be made. I merely wanted to ask the right hon. Prime Minister if he had been kept by Mrs. Kennedy's husband from meeting her?

[Mr. Speaker.]

[English]

NATIONAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has Canada any indication that NATO secrets or other information essential to national security have been compromised in the security scandal recently revealed in West Germany?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I believe the answer to the question is no, but I should like to check.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): A supplementary question to the Minister of Justice, Mr. Speaker. Is the government now able and prepared to table in the house the report of the royal commission on security which has been promised?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I think the same question was addressed to the Prime Minister who gave a clear answer at that time, if I recall correctly.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether he is in a position to explain to the house how it is that a London daily paper was apparently able to print facts about the report of the commission on security and make reflections on the R.C.M.P. before the report has been tabled? In view of the interest which the Prime Minister has expressed about leaks from the B and B commission, I should like to know whether the hon. gentleman has taken any interest in these apparent leaks from the security commission?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I am always interested in that sort of subject. I would think that here again, as in the case when a similar question was addressed to the Prime Minister, the Solicitor General would be taking whatever action he deemed necessary.

Mr. Stanfield: In view of the fact that it is not the Solicitor General's day, I hope some responsible person in the government will bring this matter to his attention.