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**Mr. Tremblay:** Mr. Speaker, the investigating commissioner will be able to take all the necessary steps so as to examine the charges that have been laid against the department during the last few days.

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**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, would the minister give us the name of this person, who belongs to the department, I take it?

**Mr. Tremblay:** No.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Oh, it is someone outside the department making this inquiry? Who is this person?

[Translation]

**Mr. Tremblay:** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to announce the name of the person entrusted with this responsibility at the beginning of the week; it will not be a department employee.

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**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Then he has not yet been appointed; is that correct? Mr. Speaker, I would point out to the minister that it is difficult to put on *Hansard* either a vertical or horizontal movement of the head.

**Mr. Tremblay:** The decision has been taken, but we have not yet appointed this man.

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister. He said that the report of this as yet unappointed official would be referred to a committee of the house. Which committee would be considering this matter, please?

**Mr. Tremblay:** Mr. Speaker, I will put this report before the house. It seems to me that it is up to the house to find a way to examine the report.

**Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary):** At the same time as the name is given, would the minister also state the terms of reference?

**Mr. Tremblay:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

## PENSIONS

### CANADA PLAN—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON UNIVERSAL APPLICATION

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is the government proposing to take action to bring private

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pension plans into the same situation in the rest of Canada as Mr. Lesage apparently announced yesterday would be the case in the province of Quebec, in view of the fact that the pension plan in Quebec and the pension plan for the rest of Canada are supposed to be on an equal footing?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** We will be discussing this matter shortly, Mr. Speaker. It is difficult for me to answer that question in detail on the orders of the day, but I will be glad to take it as notice.

## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

### INQUIRIES AS TO FILM RESPECTING PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister on the basis of the answer that he provided in the house the day before yesterday to a question by the hon. member for Royal. To make the question understandable I will read the relevant part of the question and the answer. The hon. member for Royal asked, concerning the restricted film on the Prime Minister:

—was an oath of secrecy administered to Richard Ballentine and his technical crew during the filming of this production prior to their being admitted to meetings of the cabinet or a committee of the cabinet?

The answer was as follows:

**Mr. Pearson:** To my knowledge, Mr. Speaker, there was no such admission of unauthorized persons, including those mentioned by my hon. friend, to any meeting of cabinet or committee of the cabinet.

I have in my hand a copy of the *Montreal Gazette* of yesterday which shows what purports to be a still picture from this controversial film. It is labelled "At cabinet. This picture of Prime Minister Pearson addressing the cabinet was taken from the controversial film". I would like to ask the Prime Minister—and I am sure there is a rational explanation for this—whether he could give to the house a more rational explanation of this apparent contradiction, so that unhappy interpretations will not be placed on this apparent difference.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not, of course, responsible for pictures that appear in the newspapers or for the captions put under them. I repeat what I said the other day, that neither this