

is, of course, a matter for decision by the banks, not the government.

**Mr. Monteith:** Not any more.

**Mr. Benson:** However, unlike what happened under the previous Conservative government, the governor of the Bank of Canada and myself are continuously in consultation.

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it not the fact that the governor of the Bank of Canada always takes his cue from and follows the policy of the government of the day?

**Mr. Benson:** No.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

##### POLICY RESPECTING SPEECHES BY GOVERNORS GENERAL

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to get into an argument over the previous question because the law has been changed—the minister has apparently forgotten—and the government now has that responsibility. The minister did not know that.

My question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister and has to do with speeches that may be delivered from time to time by His Excellency the Governor General, the rule being, of course, that Governors General can speak only in generalities. May I ask the Prime Minister whether or not there has been any change in the traditional policy under which the Queen and her representatives, in making speeches that in any way contain material that may be of a political nature, or can be interpreted as such, can only deliver them provided they have the consent and approval of the Prime Minister? I am phrasing the question in a general way for very good reasons instead of particularizing.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, answering the question in a general way, there has been no change in policy, whatever it was, in regard to the relations between the Queen and the government.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, surely the Prime Minister knows what the rules are.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Apparently he does not know any more about that subject than the Minister of Finance knows about his.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker—

22218-59

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I doubt whether that supplementary calls for a reply. I have the impression that this was not the intention behind the supplementary question.

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Elgin.

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### LAKE ERIE—ARREST OF CANADIAN FISHERMEN AND SEIZURE OF TUGS BY U.S. AUTHORITIES

**Mr. H. E. Stafford (Elgin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry.

**Mr. Hees:** That is not a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Hees:** No. I thought Your Honour recognized the hon. member because he wanted to ask a supplementary. He does not.

**An hon. Member:** Who is running the House?

**Mr. Bell:** Who is running the country?

**Mr. Speaker:** Not having my blinkers on today, I saw the hon. member for Elgin from the corner of my eye.

**Mr. Stafford:** I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Is the minister aware that two Canadian fishing tugs valued at approximately \$80,000 were seized and eight Canadian fishermen arrested and apprehended at Painesville, Ohio, yesterday and are currently being held in custody for fishing on the United States side of Lake Erie, and that the penalty for such violation is a possible \$200 fine per fisherman in addition to the confiscation of boats, nets, equipment and fish by state authorities, and if so—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is the hon. member coming to the question?

**Mr. Stafford:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. If so, what action does the government intend to take?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** We have been in touch through the Department of External Affairs with the Vice-Consul in Cleveland and he is giving every necessary support to the fishermen. We have also from time to time reminded the United States authorities that their northern