

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

will claim the rebate, not exceeding \$28, against the municipal tax, and then the province will reimburse the municipality for the rebate.

**Taxability:** As this plan affords relief to the home owner by way of reduction of the tax on his residence, it is not in the nature of an income payment.

**Exception:** Although this rebate is not generally given in respect of commercial property or rented property, there are two small exceptions. The rebate is payable in the case of two-housekeeping-unit homes and where business and residential premises are combined provided that the single residential housekeeping unit occupies not less than 50 per cent of the total floor space. In such cases the home owner will not be allowed to claim as an expense against his rental or commercial profits a larger amount than he has actually had to pay. For example, if his municipal tax was \$35, which after the rebate would only be \$7, then he could not claim more than \$7 as an expense against his rental or commercial profits from the other half of the building.

These opinions, of course, are based on an examination of the respective provincial bills and might have to be reviewed if these bills are in any way changed before they are passed.

**YUKON ACT****AMENDMENTS RESPECTING ORDINANCES FOR BORROWING OR LENDING MONEY, APPOINTING JUDICIAL OFFICERS, ETC.**

**Hon. Jean Lesage (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources)** moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Yukon Act to broaden the purposes for which the commissioner in council may make ordinances for the borrowing or lending of money and to authorize the commissioner in council to make ordinances for the making of investments; to authorize the appointment by the governor in council of deputy police magistrates and judicial officers; and to provide further for certain changes in connection with the administration of the act.

Motion agreed to.

**MOTION FOR PAPERS****STEWART-CASSIAR, B.C., ROAD—CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

*Motion No. 17—Mr. Simmons:*

For a copy of all agreements and/or contracts entered into between the government of Canada or anyone on its behalf, and the government of British Columbia or anyone on its behalf, and of all correspondence, telegrams, and/or other communications exchanged between the aforesaid

parties with reference to the financing of the construction of a road between Stewart, British Columbia, and Cassiar, British Columbia, including alternative routes, if any.

**Mr. Lesage:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to agree with the motion, subject to the usual reservation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Motion agreed to, with the reservation as stated.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****GAZA—REPORTED WITHDRAWAL OF UNEF TO DEMARCATION LINE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard C. Green (Vancouver-Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Press dispatches over the week end indicate that the United Nations emergency force troops within the Gaza strip are being withdrawn from the towns in the strip and deployed along the demarcation line. Can the minister tell the house whether officials of the United Nations have agreed with Nasser that the United Nations emergency force will now be relegated to patrolling the Israeli border?

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have seen the press reports referred to by my hon. friend. While in New York over the week end I ascertained from the Secretary General of the United Nations that there is no foundation for any suggestion that the United Nations emergency force is not operating inside the Gaza strip as it did when it first arrived. However, it is true that within the last two or three days some elements of the force have been taken from the strip itself and deployed along the demarcation line. That is what one would normally expect because in the first days of the occupation—although "occupation" is not quite the right word—of the Gaza strip by the United Nations force, all of the troops were inside the strip. Now some of them are being deployed on the line. But that does not represent a diminution of the functions of the force inside the Gaza strip.

**Mr. Green:** I should like to ask a supplementary question. What are the actual facts with regard to Egypt moving troops either into the Gaza strip or into the vicinity of the Gaza strip?

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, our information is that there are no Egyptian troops at all inside the Gaza strip and that since last October, when the military intervention first began or since the withdrawal of Egyptian troops at that time, there has been no return of Egyptian troops to the Sinai peninsula except in the last week when some Egyptian troops have apparently been moved to El Arish, a town some miles from the Gaza