

Inquiries of the Ministry

lengthy answer. I would hope the hon. member would put that question on the order paper.

LABOUR RELATIONSGREAT LAKES—NATIONALITY OF S.I.U.
NEGOTIATORS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I should like to answer a question asked the other day by the hon. member for Ontario with respect to the nationality of the bargaining committee for the seafarers international union. I have been provided with a list of the members of the bargaining committee, and all those on the committee are listed as Canadians with the exception of two persons. One is Mr. Patrick Flaherty, born in Galway, Republic of Ireland, and the other is Mr. James Madison, born in Copenhagen.

Mr. Starr: A supplementary question. Is Mr. Paul Hall not sitting in on these negotiations?

Mr. MacEachen: This is the information I received from the trustees. I did see in the newspaper, as likely the hon. member did, that Mr. Paul Hall did attend the meeting but I am not able to confirm that. As a matter of fact I have received information that he did not attend, although that other report was in the press.

HAL BANKS—RAISING OF FUNDS FOR
LEGAL DEFENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Is the minister aware that members of the negotiating committee of the S.I.U. have undertaken to raise money for the legal defence of Hal Banks, and does the minister think this is a proper function for this committee?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is out of order.

[Later:]

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I asked the Minister of Labour a question about the S.I.U. which you said was out of order. I wonder if I could be told how my question was out of order while the question about the S.I.U., which the hon. member for Ontario asked several days ago, was answered today.

Mr. Speaker: I will be glad to take the request of the hon. member into consideration.

[Mr. Cardin.]

CANADIAN FLAG

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should also like to ask a delicate question. Would the Minister of Justice, the house leader, tell the house what are the present plans as to the day when the two flag resolution will be introduced? We should like to know in advance.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, there are no plans for introducing a debate on any two flag resolution.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Minister of Justice is apparently unaware of what the rest of the government is doing, may I ask him this. When will the resolution which provides for a flag bearing three maple leaves, as well as the union jack, be introduced?

Mr. Favreau: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the order paper I might say it is my belief, subject to a definite announcement tomorrow, that the debate on—

Mr. McIlraith: It is order No. 44.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacEwan: What a house leader.

Mr. Favreau: I said subject to confirmation tomorrow.

Mr. Starr: You mean subject to Paul Martin.

Mr. Favreau: The resolution which is on the order paper concerning a distinctive flag for Canada will commence to be dealt with on Thursday.

[Translation]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, in view of the minister's answer, should we conclude that the part of the resolution concerning the union jack will be abandoned?

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Justice.

Is it true that it is the intention of the government to redraft both resolutions that are now under study so that the first resolution would include the maple leaf flag and the national anthem "O Canada" and the second, the union jack and "God save the Queen"?

Mr. Favreau: It is obvious, Mr. Speaker, that these questions may be discussed at a proper time, that is when the resolution is introduced in the house.