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COMMONS DEBATES

Is the Prime Minister in a position to say whether the governments of the province of Quebec and of the city of Montreal have contributed financially to the development of the site of Expo 67?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question should be put on the order paper.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO JOINT SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE CONTROL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Registrar General concerning the statement he has made in Toronto on the advisability of creating in Canada a federal-provincial board on the control stock exchange operations.

Is the hon, minister in a position to tell the house whether he intends to call an early meeting of the provincial premiers or finance ministers?

Hon. John N. Turner (Registrar General): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the hon. member for his courtesy in giving notice of his question. I think that the calling of such a meeting comes under the jurisdiction of the right hon. Prime Minister.

[English]

HEALTH AND WELFARE

EQUIPPING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH EXHAUST CONTROLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that the government of Ontario announced last week that all motor vehicles sold in Ontario must be equipped with exhaust controls, I ask the minister whether the government will now consider making this a national standard.

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I made a statement some time ago setting out the view of the department with respect to the efficacy of these controls. We are now examining the new situation to see whether that former view should be modified in any way. Inquiries of the Ministry

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

RAIDS ON OFFICES OF SERBIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Has he received a letter dated September 16 on behalf of the Serbian national committee protesting against raids by the R.C.M.P. on the offices of members of the board of directors of that organization? If so, has the Prime Minister replied, what is the nature of his reply, and will he investigate the reasons for the harassment experienced by these Canadian citizens and report to the house?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I will be glad to look into that matter, Mr. Speaker. At the moment I am not certain whether I received a letter of that kind.

FINANCE

INCREASED CANADIAN AID TO INTERNA-TIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the right hon. Prime Minister. Can we expect a statement on increased Canadian aid to the International Development Bank that would back up the remarks made by the Minister of Finance in a recent speech in Rio de Janeiro?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will ask the Minister of Finance about that when he returns from Rio. I think he is on his way back now.

AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FARM POLICY TASK FORCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Can the minister say whether the farm policy task force which he initially referred to many months ago is yet operational?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the members of the task force have been named and are commencing their work shortly.

Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Provencher): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the