

Guarantee of Loans to Small Businesses

IMMIGRATION

PERMISSION FOR WEST INDIES STUDENTS TO TRAVEL IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Yesterday the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate asked me a question with reference to the movement of West Indies students studying in Canadian universities, and I find that the reply which I gave to him was correct. I might add, though, that after having read the newspaper article which he sent to me I made further inquiries and found that the person who was allegedly quoted in the newspaper had since denied making any such remarks. Other West Indies students at the universities have been reported in subsequent newspaper articles as saying that they did not agree with him.

For that reason I should like to reiterate that there are no special rules applicable to West Indies students which are not applicable to all students from all countries. There is no curtailment of their movements while in Canada when they are travelling for social reasons.

Mr. Pickersgill: I should like to thank the minister.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MONCTON, N.B.—REPORTED UNNECESSARY LAY-OFFS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he is now in a position to reply to the question I asked yesterday, which he took as notice, referring to a telegram wherein a charge was made that the Canadian National was spitefully and unnecessarily laying off men.

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): I have not received a reply as yet, but as soon as I have it I will communicate it to the house.

Mr. Argue: After the debate.

FINANCE

PROVISION FOR GUARANTEE OF LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance) moved the third reading of Bill No. C-40, respecting loans to proprietors of small business enterprises for the improvement and modernization of equipment and premises.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I have just one or two comments to make before the bill receives third reading. We have

Kootenays urging deferment of final consideration of any treaty with respect to development of the Columbia until these organizations have had an opportunity to present a brief to him in person in support of their contention that some aspects of the proposed treaty will have serious and prejudicial effects upon the economy of Canada and British Columbia, and will destroy vital Canadian and British Columbia equities? Is the Prime Minister prepared to accede to this request on the part of a large group of organizations and other people in the Kootenays?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to check in my office for the purpose of ascertaining what representations, if any, have been made. Having done that, I will give an answer to the hon. member.

FINANCE

AUTOMOBILES—REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF DUTY VALUE MODIFICATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. J. Broome (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue which his parliamentary secretary may take as notice in the minister's absence. Will the minister inform the house in detail as to the possible effect on the retail prices of United Kingdom and European cars of the proposed modification in the discounts allowed in calculating fair value for duty? Will the minister consider withholding any action on this proposed change until the report of the royal commission investigating the automotive industry is received?

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPORTED U.S. READINESS TO CONSIDER CANADIAN PROPOSALS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lucien Cardin (Richelieu-Vercheres): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister. Is it the intention of the Prime Minister to accept a suggestion reportedly made on behalf of the state department in Washington, to the effect that the United States would be willing to explore any concrete proposals the Prime Minister might have for reducing tension between the communist countries and the western powers?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): There has been no communication to the government from the state department in Washington.