

Inquiries of the Ministry

ings of parliament. The report appears on the front page of the *Globe and Mail*, under the heading, "Confusion in Commons After Bracken Motion Forces First Division". Then the leader goes on to say:

In the first division of the present session, the government was upheld late today by a vote of 108 to 41, forced by a resolution submitted by Opposition Leader John Bracken.

That is the point, Mr. Speaker. In the first place, the government was not upheld, because the government was not involved. It was really a vote of confidence in the Speaker, following a challenge of his ruling. In the second place, the motion of the leader of the opposition was never voted on at all; therefore the action of the government was not challenged. In the third place, there was no confusion except in the mind of the writer of this report.

REDISTRIBUTION

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF BILL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JOHN BRACKEN (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In the past there have been considerable delays in dealing with redistribution, resulting in quite a scramble at the end of the session. I am sure that hon. members on the other side of the house as well as on this side would like to avoid that. Can the Prime Minister say now when the government proposes to introduce the redistribution bill?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): May I say to my hon. friend that the bill will be introduced this week.

UNITED NATIONS

UNESCO—NATIONAL COMMISSION OR COOPERATING BODY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. DONALD M. FLEMING (Eglinton): I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. What has been done by the government toward the forming of a national commission in keeping with article VII of the charter of UNESCO?

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In October of last year a temporary advisory committee consisting of representatives from government departments and various national organizations interested in education, science and culture was established. One of the terms of reference of this committee was to advise the government on the establishment of a national com-

[Mr. Irvine.]

mission or cooperating body on UNESCO questions. Consideration of this question by the temporary advisory committee was deferred until the general conference of UNESCO had clearly determined the programme of that organization.

Mr. GRAYDON: Has the minister any information to give as to whether the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are to take some part in UNESCO?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The only information I have is that observers on their behalf attended the general conference of UNESCO. I do not know of any indication of an intention to become members of the organization.

Mr. GRAYDON: They did not attend at the original conference.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: No.

CADET SERVICE

STATUS OF TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. D. FULTON (Kamloops): Is the Minister of National Defence in a position to give the house any information with regard to the limitation of the number of cadets being trained?

Hon. BROOKE CLAXTON (Minister of National Defence): No; I am sorry I have not that information. I will get it for the hon. member.

Mr. SKEY: May I ask the minister if when he brings down the information on cadets he will include information on air cadets, with specific reference to whether the air cadet programme in Canada has been curtailed?

Mr. CLAXTON: I shall be glad to get that information. I think I should explain to hon. members that it would require a pretty lengthy statement to deal with the whole cadet programme, and it seems to me it might be more appropriately dealt with on the estimates. However, I shall be glad to look into it and possibly give the hon. gentleman and the house as full information as possible.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

EMERGENCY POWERS BILL—ORDERS IN COUNCIL—PRICE AND RENT CONTROLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. DIEFENBAKER (Lake Centre): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice arising out of the answer he gave yesterday as to the power of amendment of orders in council which will be attached to the