

TRADE

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I must apologize to the hon. member. I was planning to speak to him personally about this correspondence. We have not been able to get the permission of the United States government for the production of some of the documents, but I shall be glad to show them to the hon. member personally.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

TRANSFER OF TRAVEL BUREAU TO TRADE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister. Can he say whether a decision has been reached with respect to removing the Canadian travel bureau from the department of northern affairs to the Department of Trade and Commerce?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as a result of the desire to extend to the greatest possible degree the tourist attractions of Canada, and in order to have available every means to that end, the government has decided that as the Department of Trade and Commerce has trade mission offices throughout the world it would be fitting and proper, in order to encourage tourism into our country from all parts of the world, to transfer the administration of the bureau to the Department of Trade and Commerce, which at one time had it under its jurisdiction. In announcing that decision I of course want to point out that there has been a tremendous advance in the last year and a half in tourism into Canada and in the amount that has been earned by Canadians from it, and the minister of northern affairs is entitled to every commendation for what he has been doing.

WATER RESOURCES

ASSISTANCE TO STUDY OF GREAT LAKES POLLUTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the government giving any consideration to more financial assistance to the great lakes institute, which was established to study the causes of water pollution, which now appears to be a serious problem in the great lakes?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I shall take this question as notice.

WORLD FAIR—REPORTED DIFFERENCE AS TO THEME

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of press reports that there is a major difference of opinion among sponsors of the Montreal world's fair as to its theme, could the Prime Minister state whether he endorses Mayor Jean Drapeau's idea that the theme should be "Man and his world"?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon. member will realize that he is asking a minister of the crown to enter into a controversy that is outside the immediate jurisdiction of the house, and that it is not really proper for orders of the day.

(Translation):

WORLD FAIR—SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF CROWN CORPORATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Associate Minister of National Defence a question concerning the world fair to be held in Montreal.

Is it the intention of the government to introduce a bill to set up a crown corporation in that regard and if so, could the minister tell the house when such a bill would be introduced?

Hon. Pierre Sevigny (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question from the hon. member for Laurier, I wish to say that there will be laid before the house a bill to provide for the establishment of a crown corporation that will be responsible for the administration of the 1967 world fair.

That bill has been prepared by the officials of the Department of Justice and will undoubtedly be submitted to the house within two weeks.

It is rather difficult to say exactly when that bill will be presented because it must be remembered that it deals with a joint undertaking and that there will be consultations between the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

I wish to assure my hon. friend that the bill will be submitted with all possible dispatch.

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POWER

COLUMBIA RIVER—DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN FEDERAL AND B.C. GOVERNMENTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Kootenay East): Mr. Speaker, I had hoped to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs