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APPROVAL OF GENEVA CONVENTION, 1952

On the order: Government notices of motion:

In committee of the whole—The following proposed resolution:—

That it is expedient that the Houses of Parliament approve the universal copyright convention signed by Canada in Geneva in 1952 and protocol 3 thereto, and that this house do approve the same.

Mr. Speaker: The next item in the name of the Secretary of State appears to have a typographical error in that the words "in committee of the whole" are inserted before the resolution. Would the Secretary of State wish the leave of the house to have these words struck out and proceed with the matter now?

Hon. Noel Dorion (Secretary of State): Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that the words "in committee of the whole", may be deleted from this item?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of standing order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the house.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NEW GUINEA—INQUIRY AS TO DISPUTE BETWEEN NETHERLANDS AND INDONESIA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if he can make any report to the house on the dangerous dispute between the Netherlands and Indonesia in regard to part of New Guinea, and whether he thinks there is a reasonable chance of successful mediation of this dangerous dispute?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I agree with the Leader of the Opposition that this is a very dangerous situation. We have been pressing for negotiations, as various other countries have. At the moment I am not able to say whether or not there will be such negotiations, but I think the longer action is delayed the more chance there is of something being worked out to settle this dispute.

UNITED NATIONS

UNESCO—INQUIRY AS TO REQUEST FOR CANADIAN ASSISTANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for

Inquiries of the Ministry

External Affairs. I am sorry I have not been able to give notice of the question. In view of the excellent position in which Canada is to assist United Nations organizations by providing personnel for purposes of education in French speaking Africa, is the minister in a position to make any comment on the request of UNESCO for assistance from Canada to the extent of \$900,000?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Our aid is channeled to other governments; there is an arrangement between Canada and the respective countries although some of it goes through the United Nations agencies. At the moment there has been no provision made for the payment of \$900,000 through UNESCO.

I should mention that we do have many different types of assistance for countries in Africa, including the commonwealth scholarship plan, as well as the plan for aid to French speaking African countries, and there is the special commonwealth aid program for Africa under which we are paying \$3.5 million per year. There are various plans of that type under which we give aid.

Mr. Argue: Could the minister say whether a request was made for this by the UNESCO organization and, if so, did Canada make a direct reply.

Mr. Green: I would have to check the files to find out if a request was made. In any event, there has been no provision made for payment of that amount.

TRANSPORT

P.E.I. CAUSEWAY—REQUEST FOR REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Bourget (Levis): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. He will recall that on June 21 last he promised to furnish his report on the Northumberland causeway in the near future. Is the minister in a position to present that report now?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Since that time many matters have intervened which make it impossible for me to reply to the question at this time.

Mr. Bourget: Can we expect the report to be presented to the house before the dissolution of this parliament?

Mr. Walker: If my hon. friend can tell me the date of dissolution I might be able to answer that question.

Mr. Pickersgill: May I ask the minister whether he is making the investigation personally?