

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

External Affairs. In view of the serious situation of the children of Viet Nam and their plight as a result of the war, could the minister advise us whether any thought is being given to the evacuation of these children from the war area under the supervision and protection of the United Nations or a sub-committee of that organization?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I do not believe consideration has been given to this matter by the United Nations. However, I will make an examination to see whether this matter is being considered.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****VIET NAM—REPORTED RESULT OF U.S. OPINION POLL**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs or to the right hon. Prime Minister. In giving consideration to the suggestion made last Friday by the right hon. member for Prince Albert that this house consider a resolution urging a cessation of the bombing in Viet Nam, would the government take into consideration the newly released public opinion poll which shows for the first time that a majority of the public in the United States is adverse to the involvement in the Viet Nam war?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest to the hon. member that the question he has asked is argumentative.

**COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS****RHODESIA—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON RECENT TALKS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister further to the questions I put to him last week concerning Rhodesia. Is the Prime Minister now in a position to say whether consultations or discussions are still taking place with Great Britain, and whether consultations have taken place with other members of the Commonwealth concerning the Rhodesian situation? Further, would he state whether these consultations concern a tightening of the sanctions on Rhodesia?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, these exchanges are still going on. My hon. friend may have noticed that in

[Mr. Starr.]

Westminster last Friday Prime Minister Wilson rejected a suggestion that there should be an emergency meeting of the prime ministers to discuss Rhodesia, on the ground that it is not likely that any constructive result would come from such a meeting at this time.

This matter is before the Security Council of the United Nations, and I believe consideration is being given to having a meeting of the commonwealth sanctions committee in London.

**LABOUR CONDITIONS****MONTREAL—ACTION TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, reports published just before the week end indicate that the level of unemployment is at a ten year high and that construction starts are at a ten year low in Canada's largest city, the island of Montreal. I should like to ask the Minister of Labour whether he is now proposing a course of action to his cabinet colleagues or whether he intends in the near future to meet with provincial or municipal officials to determine an immediate course of action.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The first part of the question is not in order. The hon. member is asking about communications between members of the cabinet, and that part of the question is not in order.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Then I will ask the minister whether, in view of the grave situation existing at this time, he intends to meet with municipal and provincial officials in order to determine an immediate course of action.

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** The situation is under active study. It has been under study by the branches of government concerned. It is, I may say, a matter of more direct concern to the Department of Manpower and Immigration than to the Department of Labour in accordance with the existing division of responsibilities, but I can assure the hon. member that my colleague, the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, and I are working on this difficult and serious problem.

[Translation]

**Mr. Grafftey:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a supplementary question to the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration.