

External Affairs

funds in local currency equivalent to the value of the Canadian grant. The counterpart funds will be spent on economic development projects in Pakistan to be agreed upon between the two governments. The aluminum will be used to help maintain an adequate level of production and employment in Pakistan's metal working industries. The fertilizer is urgently needed for increased food production in Pakistan to meet the demands of the increasing population. The wood pulp will enable a new paper mill in East Pakistan to operate while adequate local supplies of pulp are being developed. These commodities will help provide imports essential for the maintenance of the Pakistan economy and the success of its development plans in the face of an acute shortage of foreign exchange.

The aerial survey and forest inventory will provide essential information on which Pakistan can base plans for a program of development of resources in a forested area of East Pakistan.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, this is the second announcement made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs regarding assistance by Canada to an Asian member of the commonwealth during the last few days. The announcement the other day had regard to the completion of the atomic project at Bombay, and now this announcement with regard to Canada's assistance to Pakistan under the Colombo plan is further evidence of the interest which this country and all hon. members of this house take in the assistance that is provided under the Colombo plan.

The minister has mentioned a number of instances of gifts to Pakistan which Canada is continuing in one form or another. Among those mentioned today, of course, was that with regard to the Warsak dam, which is situated on the Khyber pass between Afghanistan and Pakistan. This is a matter that I know has engaged the special interest of the Leader of the Opposition. The Secretary of State for External Affairs will recall that not only was this project begun when the Leader of the Opposition was secretary of state for external affairs, but that hon. gentleman had the distinct honour of pushing the button which began the entire operation. Other hon. members of this party have had something to do with the Warsak dam. I, too, had the great honour of visiting this project, as did the hon. member for Ottawa West.

I hope that some time the Prime Minister, who evinces great academic interest, will also have the opportunity of seeing that the very worthy projects which hon. gentlemen of the

[Mr. Green.]

present government are carrying on were well founded by the administration of which the present Leader of the Opposition was the secretary of state for external affairs.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that this group have been longtime proponents of increased expenditures under the Colombo plan, we are naturally interested in and welcome the announcement made this afternoon by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. However, Mr. Speaker, the fact that during recent weeks the Secretary of State for External Affairs has taken the opportunity about once a week to announce some further development or expenditure under the Colombo plan indicates that the government's ear is attuned to the popular will in this case. In our view expenditures on behalf of countries within the commonwealth are a method for building peace.

Finally, I simply say on behalf of this group that we urge the government to transfer some of its expenditures on obsolete and useless weapons to the Colombo plan and greatly increase its expenditures under that plan at this time. I am sure that in so doing they will receive the approval of the vast majority of the Canadian people.

REPRESENTATION ACT

AMENDMENT TO CHANGE NAME OF CONSTITUENCY

Mr. W. F. Matthews (Nanaimo) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-59, to amend the Representation Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Matthews: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to change the name of the electoral district of Nanaimo to Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

Motion agreed to and the bill read the first time.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF REPORT OF CANADA COUNCIL

On the order: Government notices of motion:

January 20—The Prime Minister—the following proposed motion:—

That the report of the Canada council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1960, laid before the house on July 13, 1960, be referred to the standing committee on public accounts in order to provide for a review thereof pursuant to section 23 of the Canada Council Act.

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