

Inquiries of the Ministry

CASTLEGAR, B.C.—INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER AND U.S. PRESIDENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister, based on a telegram I have just received. I will read the telegram before asking the question.

Since the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States will be viewing the Columbia river basin by air on Wednesday next and since Castlegar has an airport within three miles of the high Arrow which has been the most controversial of these sites, we the council of the village of Castlegar would be pleased through you to extend to them an invitation to land here and view the dam site at first hand and we would be honoured and pleased to make all arrangements.

My question is, will the Prime Minister accept this invitation and opportunity to meet some of the residents of the Arrow lakes on this occasion?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Nothing would give me greater pleasure, but I doubt whether the timetable for next Wednesday would permit it. We would only be in or over British Columbia for a very few hours. Incidentally, I should like to extend a very warm invitation to the hon. gentleman to be with us on this occasion.

MALAYSIA—INQUIRY AS TO COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who I am sure does not wish to be neglected during the question period, whether he has an answer to my question of yesterday concerning the aid being given to Malaysia by other commonwealth countries.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I am sure that in asking this question the hon. gentleman was moved only by altruistic motives, and I greatly appreciate this. I have looked at the response I made, and I think it is a complete answer. However, when the commission from Malaysia now touring the United States comes here there may be something further to add.

Mr. Churchill: The minister has not yet answered a question I have now asked for the third time. What aid is being given to Malaysia by commonwealth countries other than Canada? Must I rely for information on articles appearing in the *Globe and Mail*

[Mr. Sharp.]

or in the *London Times*, on which the hon. gentleman cast some doubt the other day? Could we not have an authoritative statement from him?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I do not think the hon. gentleman need rely on anything other than the reply I gave him, a reply which I think should stand.

POWER

NEW BRUNSWICK—POSSIBLE DELAY IN GRANT FOR MACTAQUAC DEVELOPMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland): Last Friday I addressed a question to the Prime Minister with regard to a \$20 million grant to be made available to the government of New Brunswick for the development of the Mactaquac power project on the Saint John river. I wonder whether the right hon. gentleman is now in a position to answer that question.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I am afraid I am not. I mentioned this matter to my hon. friend the Minister of Transport, who I understand was to make a reply, but he is not in his place today. I will try to deal with this on Monday.

DRUGS

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION ON BODIES CONSIDERING PROFESSIONAL MATTERS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): May I take this opportunity to reply to a question asked on Tuesday by the hon. member for Moose Mountain concerning consultation between the Canadian pharmaceutical association and the government. Such consultation will be particularly useful in connection with the consideration of the report of the royal commission on health services, which is presently being studied. In this connection the government has already received an assurance of co-operation from a number of professional associations, including the one referred to. The government will, of course, consult fully with these agencies, and desires to consult fully with them on matters of concern to their members. It is anticipated that this consultation will be on a continuing and periodic basis, but the administrative pattern for such consultation has not yet been finally determined.