

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL**REPORT OF YOUTH COUNCIL ON PROPOSED YOUTH SEMINAR**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): I direct my question to the Secretary of State and ask the hon. lady if she has yet received from the Canadian Youth Council a supplementary report with a recommendation on the holding of a seminar next year. If so, has any action yet been taken, or has any decision been arrived at?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am surprised and disappointed to say that I have not received anything yet. I had promised the hon. member the other day that I would have the ad hoc committee meet as soon as I received anything.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**REQUEST FOR CESSATION OF SUGGESTED ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I direct my question to the Secretary of State, who I understand is responsible for the various centennial programs throughout the country and who also replies in the house on behalf of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The question is as follows. Would the minister suggest to those responsible for the public affairs and news programs in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, in view of the fact that a seven day truce is likely to take place soon in the Viet Nam war, that the C.B.C. might likewise declare a seven day truce in the flood of "hate the United States" propaganda that issues forth daily from that organization. I might also suggest that such a seven day remission might be a suitable centennial project as a gesture of good will to our good friends to the south.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should recognize that this is not a question. He is making a submission to the minister.

FINANCE**ROYAL BANK—APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF BAHAMIAN FINANCE MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): My question, Mr. Speaker, is directed to the Minister of Finance. I ask the minister if he is

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aware that on January 13, 1966, the Royal Bank of Canada appointed to its board of directors the minister of finance of the Bahamian government, Sir Stafford Sands. Does the Minister of Finance believe that the appointment to the board of directors of the Royal Bank of the minister of finance of another country is proper?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member is asking for an expression of opinion from the minister. This is not the type of question which may be asked at this time.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**NORTH VIET NAM—USE OF FUNDS GIVEN FOR AID**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. He may be able to answer the question, or he may have made some research into the matter I raised on January 19. To review my question, it referred to \$50,000 of aid to Viet Nam of which 90 per cent was going to North Viet Nam, to the Viet Cong, for purposes other than to assist civilian victims. I said I had seen the report that made this statement. Has the Prime Minister anything to report on the matter now?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the position in respect of the matter referred to by my hon. friend in his question was set out by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on April 19 last in reply to a question by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition. In brief, that reply was that there was no obstacle to the transfer of funds to North Viet Nam or similar destinations, provided appropriate arrangements could be made through banking channels. As regards permission for the shipment of medical and other supplies, these come under the provisions of the Export and Import Permits Act. However, as far as medical supplies are concerned the act does not require the issue of a specific licence provided the drugs are of Canadian origin and are being sent in individual dosage form.

As to the second aspect of the question, concerning the use made of supplies or funds sent to North Viet Nam once they have reached their destination, we have no knowledge in that regard and I doubt whether the government of North Viet Nam would regard it as within the responsibilities of our representative on the international commission