

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is the policy. In this case presumably the immigration appeal board concluded there was no danger of persecution with respect to these seamen, but the board itself would hear evidence on this point before reaching a conclusion.

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, has the Minister of Manpower and Immigration any evidence that no harm or hardship will be done these men if they are deported to their country of origin?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, the decision was made by the immigration appeal board and presumably the board itself considered all the facts before reaching a decision.

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): In his answer the minister said that presumably the board considered all these matters. Will he check into the matter with the chairman of the board and report back to the house tomorrow?

Mr. Forrestall: Would the minister ensure that the actions taken by counsel on his behalf do reflect the continuance of the policy of granting refuge in Canada to people.

Mr. MacEachen: Yes. I am sure the policy is still being observed in the department.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, may I ask my supplementary again?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is making a representation to the minister.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**NIGERIA—PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL EMBARGO ON ARMS SHIPMENTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the urgent appeal by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Westminster to the government of the United Kingdom to join in establishing an international embargo on the shipment of arms to either side in the Nigerian-Biafran dispute, I should like to ask the minister whether the Canadian government will make or renew—I am not sure which is appropriate—its representations to a like effect.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Fortunately, of course, [Mr. Forrestall.]

Canada is not supplying any arms in this conflict. Both the Prime Minister and I on a number of occasions have expressed our desire that no arms should be shipped to Nigeria from any source. This continues to be the position of the Canadian government.

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, can the right hon. Prime Minister tell the house whether or not he has received an official request from the Canadian Mayors Association for financial aid to municipal works?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I am not aware of any such request having reached my office, Mr. Speaker, but I shall certainly inquire.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**COVERAGE OF THE FORTHCOMING POLITICAL CONGRESS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the hon. Secretary of State.

Is he aware of the policy or attitude of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation concerning the coverage of the mini-convention of a certain party which is to be held in Montreal during the week-end?

Mr. Speaker: I have the impression that the question as worded is out of order. If it is really urgent, the hon. member could discuss it at time of adjournment tonight.

Mr. Fortin: May I rephrase my question, Mr. Speaker?

Can the Secretary of State assure us that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will send at least 100 journalists to cover this mini-convention?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question is even less acceptable.

[English]

INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF DISPUTE WITH TECHNICIANS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for