

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

formula for this address. As soon as that formula is agreed upon, legislation will be put on the order paper and dealt with very promptly.

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** My supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, is very innocuous and I am sure it will not offend the Minister of Transport. I ask the Prime Minister if this latest effort in connection with the flag is to be known as the Pearson prognostication or the Matheson masterpiece.

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he will consult the provinces before presenting his flag design to parliament.

**Mr. Pearson:** No, it is a matter for the responsibility of the Canadian parliament.

**Mr. Coates:** Does the Prime Minister not consider it to be of the utmost importance to national unity to have the views of all provincial governments on this matter?

**Mr. Pearson:** I hope that the views of all Canadians will be represented in this house.

**Mr. Coates:** Does he not feel that the views of all Canadians should be given the opportunity of expression in a national referendum?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is the hon. member rising on a supplementary question?  
[Translation]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister?

Can the Prime Minister tell the house if the adoption of a single distinctive national flag will automatically entail our rejecting the red ensign once and for all, that is to say that it will not be flown next to the distinctive national flag?

**An hon. Member:** Ask Mr. Pierre Sévigny.  
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**Mr. Pigeon:** It is a very important question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I can only assume that it is the good weather that gives the hon. member so much energy at this time.

**Mr. Pigeon:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I addressed a direct question to the Prime Minister, I asked him to answer and he refused to answer my question because it is a question that embarrasses the government.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Port Arthur.

[Later:]

**Mr. Fisher:** I should like to ask the Prime Minister another question on a subject which

has already been gone over. It is simply this: does the flag design he has chosen have a maple leaf on it?

**Mr. Pearson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Fisher:** Does it have three maple leaves on it?

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### WITHDRAWAL OF FILM RESPECTING PRIME MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur):** I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he or his personal advisers, to his knowledge, refused approval of the film prepared by Intervideo Productions Limited that was to be screened by the C.B.C.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker. I understand this is a matter entirely between the C.B.C. and the producer of the film.

**Mr. Fisher:** In that event, Mr. Speaker, if it were possible for the production to be seen on some network other than the C.B.C., would the Prime Minister and his advisers give their approval for that to be done?

**Mr. Pearson:** We do not censor films on this side of the house.

**Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister if he has had a private preview of the film?

**Mr. Pearson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Oh? What were you doing it for?

**Mr. Pearson:** My right hon. friend should not get so excited.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Did you find it a horror film?

**Mr. Pearson:** I am only sorry, Mr. Speaker, that events have not so transpired that I will get this additional publicity.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Can the Prime Minister tell the house whether there were five separate screenings of this particular film in his office?

**Mr. Pearson:** No, Mr. Speaker, there was no screening in my office. I saw this picture in Toronto at a C.B.C. studio.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** For what purpose; censorship?

**Mr. Nielsen:** I have a further supplementary question.