

Inquiries of the Ministry

and was diagnosed as a suspected case of smallpox. He had come to Canada from Bangkok by way of Hong Kong and Tokyo on a Canadian Pacific Airlines flight which arrived in Vancouver on September 21, 1962. While language difficulties have presented a considerable barrier, it is understood that he has not felt ill but complained only of a few skin lesions for which he sought treatment. Specimens from the patient are now on their way to the laboratory of hygiene here in Ottawa, where it will take several days to obtain a result. The patient is presently isolated and under treatment.

Reports indicate that he possessed a valid certificate of revaccination dated in Bangkok August 26, 1962. Also there was evidence of previous primary vaccination reported to have been carried out during childhood. Modified smallpox must, however, be considered as a possibility.

Over 700 students at the University of British Columbia have already been vaccinated and efforts are being made to trace passengers who arrived on the same flight. All passengers and crew members are reported to have had valid certificates of vaccination, but a recheck will be made in all cases which can be traced. Passengers are reported to have been destined to widespread areas of Canada and the United States.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question—

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, could I ask a supplementary question?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): How about letting the hon. member ask the question?

Mr. Davis: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I am informed, perhaps wrongly, that it is possible to purchase vaccination certificates for as little as \$1.50 from air line crews and United States troops in the Orient. Is this true?

Mr. Speaker: That is hardly a supplementary question. If the hon. member for Essex East has a supplementary question I will give him the floor.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a somewhat supplementary question?

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Mr. Martin (Essex East): What steps is the minister's department taking to protect Canadian women who have been sent to Ceylon under the Colombo plan?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, naturally I was very disturbed to read these reports. Our high commissioner in Ceylon will do everything he can to help these young ladies.

ROYAL COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister when the government expects to receive the report of the commission on medical health services appointed about two years ago.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have not had a recent report on that matter. I will secure the information for the hon. gentleman.

PUBLIC SERVICE

INQUIRY AS TO PAY REVIEW FOR CERTAIN CLASSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lucien Lamoureux (Stormont): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the cyclical pay reviews for civil servants approved earlier this year by the then minister of finance provided for consideration on October 1, 1962, of the customs, immigration and postal classes, will the minister inform the house whether the proposed review will now be undertaken in spite of the austerity program?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of Finance): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. It is supplementary to the question asked by the hon. member for Stormont—

Mr. Byrne: And the member for Kootenay East.

Mr. Knowles:—and I hope the hon. member for Kootenay East will not spoil my chances of getting an answer. Will there be an early statement by the government on its conversations or correspondence with the civil service organizations regarding the whole question of the pay increases that were deferred in June?

Mr. Nowlan: As the hon. member knows, there have been some conversations carried on between representatives of the various civil service organizations and a committee of my colleagues chaired by myself. I had further discussions with the civil service representatives the other morning but some