

reports resulting from inquiries commissioned under the Inquiries Act do in fact belong to the people of Canada, and not to the Government of Canada, and provides that the commissioners shall, within 15 days after completion of a report, table the same and that members of Parliament under a certain procedure may call for the production and debate of that report. There is a proviso, however, that there will be an exception if the report contains matters relating to security, and if it is so stated by the commission, that shall be accepted.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

### NAVAL AND ARCTIC OPERATIONS TASK FORCE

#### Question No. 131—Mr. Skoberg:

1. Who are the members of the federal task force presently considering a plan to unify the civilian and military naval and air operations in Canada's Arctic?

2. What are the specific terms of reference of the above task force, and when is it anticipated that its report will be completed?

3. Will the report be made public?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1, 2 and 3. No, there is no federal task force presently considering a plan to unify the civilian and military naval and air operations in Canada's Arctic.

### ARCTIC TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

#### Question No. 133—Mr. Skoberg:

1. Has an Arctic transportation task force been established within the Department of Transport and, if so, who are the members of this task force and what are their specific terms of reference?

2. When is it anticipated that the report of the task force will be completed?

3. Will the report be made public?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. There is no departmental task force studying Arctic Transportation at the present time. However, there are several working groups studying various aspects of transportation, e.g. airfields, air navigation aids, marine navigation aids.

## Questions

2. The working groups will have continuing responsibilities for the next year and they will report periodically.

3. Their reports will not be made public.

### CORRESPONDENCE FROM A. G. HEAKES

#### Question No. 313—Mr. Rondeau:

1. Has the Prime Minister received letters dated October 16 from Mr. A. G. Heakes and did they contain enclosures of a letter to the Hon. John Robarts?

2. Did the said letters also contain letters dated July 11 to the Honourable A. A. Wishart, Attorney General addressed jointly to the assistant to the Ontario Public Prosecutor?

3. Has the Prime Minister received a copy of a letter from A. G. Heakes to the Hon. John Robarts dated October 17 and did the said letter contain an enclosure?

4. Was Mr. Heakes' letter dated October 16 acknowledged and, if not, for what reason?

5. If it has been acknowledged, was it answered in detail and, if not, for what reason?

6. Did the said letter dated October 16 from Mr. Heakes comprise a complaint and, if so, what was the nature of this complaint?

7. Has a letter dated June 4 from Mr. Heakes to the Solicitor General been answered and, if so, was it answered in detail?

8. Did the Prime Minister or his secretary acknowledge a file of documents in a letter from Mr. Heakes dated June 30?

9. What were the documents which Mr. Heakes enclosed?

10. (a) Did the secretaries to Mr. Trudeau write to Mr. Heakes at any time (b) did Mr. Heakes protest their letters (c) were their letters cited in the letter dated October 16 to Mr. Robarts and its enclosed complaints?

11. (a) Did the Prime Minister receive a letter dated August 5 from Mr. Heakes (b) has it been acknowledged (c) what was the nature of the said letter dated August 5?

12. If the said letters from Mr. Heakes to the Prime Minister and the Solicitor General have not been answered in detail, what is the reason?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister):** 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Yes.

4. No.

5. Not applicable.

6. Yes; complaint against the Hon. R. Basford and against Mr. William J. Morris—willful attempt to defeat the course of justice.

7. There is no record in the Department of the Solicitor General of a letter dated June 4, 1969, from Mr. Heakes.

8. Yes; acknowledged by the Correspondence Secretary.