

Inquiries of the Ministry

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): A supplementary question to the Prime Minister following a question I asked some two weeks ago concerning amateur sport. Is it the intention of the government in the near future to give financial help to these amateur teams going abroad, at least to some extent, so they may do more practising and less collecting before they leave?

Mr. Pearson: I am afraid I have forgotten the question the hon. member asked earlier on this subject, but I can say to him now that this government, like the previous government, does help amateur teams going abroad to take part in international competitions, though the amount of the assistance varies.

WINNING OF BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BY ACADIA UNIVERSITY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Digby-Annapolis-Kings): I have a supplementary question, which also is non-controversial, to direct to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I am sure the hon. gentleman would like to join with me and with all members of the house in congratulating Acadia University on having won the university basketball championship after defeating Windsor on Saturday night.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In the spirit of conciliation which prevails, I join, of course, with the hon. gentleman in congratulating Acadia University on defeating that usually triumphant team from Windsor, which has such an enviable record.

Mr. Nowlan: I tried to beat them 25 years ago.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): But I do not want my caveat to belittle in any way my warmest and most sincere congratulations which I extend to Acadia University on triumphing over such worthy opponents as Windsor.

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): A further supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I should like to ask the hon. gentleman whether he expects Windsor or the team espoused by the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings to be playing off against the Alberni Athletics in my home town of Alberni?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): All hon. members may not have heard of the latter team—

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUPPORT FOR U.S. ACTION TO ASSIST NEGROES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): My question is also non-controversial. On Friday the hon. member for Comox-Alberni asked whether the Prime Minister would send a message of condolence to President Johnson regarding Jimmy Jackson and the Reverend James Reeb, who were killed during the tragic events at Selma. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether, when he is doing this, he would also consider sending a message from the Canadian people stating that while we in Canada have many areas of discrimination which we must clean up, we would welcome any action by the President and the congress to assist the negro people of the United States in their fight to attain basic human liberties.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): As far as the first part of the question is concerned, that message was sent on Saturday morning, I believe, to Washington. As far as the latter part of the question is concerned, I have already sent to Washington as of possible interest to the government there a copy of the statement I issued myself on that matter, and I would be glad to consider whether any further action on the lines suggested is required.

Mr. Gene Rhéaume (Northwest Territories): In view of the strong position the right hon. gentleman has taken on this issue would he be prepared to tell the house when amendments will be introduced to the Northwest Territories Act to allow the Eskimo people living in Canada's northland to exercise the right to vote in Canada's territorial election?

Mr. Pearson: I do not think the two situations are parallel.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND ISRAEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State