

*Inquiries of the Ministry***NATIONAL SECURITY**

PUBLICATION OF BOOK BY SECRETARY OF STATE ON QUEBEC CRISIS—WORK PERFORMED BY MEMBER OF PRIME MINISTER'S STAFF

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Prime Minister a short question about the famous book. When the Secretary of State announced his intention to write this book, did the Prime Minister know that a member of his personal staff would be working long hours on this particular duty? I refer to Pierre Billon.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for St. John's West.

Mr. Bell: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. If in fact Pierre Billon was doing this work, would the Prime Minister now put him on more constructive work such as jobs for students?

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PUBLIC WORKS

COME-BY-CHANCE, NFLD.—PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTING DOCKING FACILITIES

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works. Can the minister inform the House as to the status of the application made by the Newfoundland government to build docking facilities in Come-by-Chance, Newfoundland?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, we expect to be making an announcement on this matter in the course of a few days.

Mr. Carter: Can the minister inform the House whether it is the intention of the Canadian government to request a guarantee from the Newfoundland provincial government to cover the amount in question?

Mr. Laing: The answer, Mr. Speaker, is that we had made that request.

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UNITED NATIONS

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON PROVISION OF PEACEKEEPING FORCES

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): My question is directed to the Prime Minister. Was the Secretary of State for External Affairs expressing government policy in Montreal last evening when he was reported to have said to the International Law Association that the United Nations can no longer be expected to provide peace-keeping forces for world trouble-spots?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, any statement along those lines would have to be read in the context of the white paper that the government published on this whole matter not too long ago. The government position is quite clear that we do not want to

[Mr. Horner.]

get into peacekeeping operations without examining the conditions which prevail at the time. That does not mean there will be no participation in any peacekeeping operations.

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[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TO VISIT CANADA

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

At the time of his visit to Marseilles, France the Secretary of State declared that the relations between France and Canada have been improving steadily in the last few months. In that context, could the Prime Minister put the idea of the Secretary of State into concrete form and invite the President of France to visit Canada and discuss with him the problems facing Canada and France?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there have been no discussions to that effect, but I am convinced that the President of France will be delighted to know that the hon. member for Charlevoix is thinking about it.

[English]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

● (3:10 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT, 1970

PROVISIONS RESPECTING DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION, MINISTRIES OF STATE, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES, ETC.

The House resumed, from Monday, March 29, consideration in committee of Bill C-207, respecting the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental there—Mr. Trudeau—Mr. Honey in the chair.

The Chairman: Order, please. When the committee rose last evening, clause 26 had been agreed to.

On clause 27—*Public Service Superannuation*

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Before we begin discussing this clause, Mr. Chairman, I wish to raise a point of order with respect to the way in which it might be handled. Clause 27 is to be found at pages 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Bill C-207. If this clause is examined carefully, it will be noted that there are three subclauses. Subclause (1) appears on pages 9, 10, and part of 11. Subclause (2) runs from the middle of page 11 to the top of page 12. Then, there is subclause (3), which is also on page 12.

I wish to point out that there is quite a difference in the areas covered in subclause (1) and subclause (2). Subclause (1) deals with early retirement generally in the public service. Subclause (2) deals with special arrangements for deputy heads. I wish to suggest, as a point of order, that we divide our discussion and deal with sub-