

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): As the Secretary of State for External Affairs indicated, I raised this very point with the highest possible authority in the Soviet Union, and I am sure it had more effect than this public enunciation with which the right hon. member is trying to catch the headlines.

Mr. Diefenbaker: An observation like that deserves a reply. Yesterday the Prime Minister showed what he thought concerning publicity, and it was completely out of keeping with the sacrifice of Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

CONFINEMENT OF VALENTYN MOROZ BY RUSSIANS—
RESPONSE TO APPEAL OF MRS. MOROZ

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question which I should like to direct to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that Mrs. Valentyn Moroz has directed a personal appeal to the Prime Minister on behalf of her husband, can the Prime Minister say whether he has replied to that appeal?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would like to know to what particular appeal the hon. member is referring; is this recent correspondence?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Is the Prime Minister not aware of the fact that Mrs. Moroz has made a public appeal to the Prime Minister, to the President of the United States, to the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and to the Chancellor of West Germany, hoping for a response from each of these four world leaders?

Mr. Trudeau: No, I was not aware of this public appeal. I am generally informed of appeals which are addressed to me in particular. But obviously, as I said in my previous reply, I anticipated this and I had already made the representation.

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AIRPORTS

ST. SCHOLASTIQUE—MEETING WITH MINISTER OF PARTIES
EXPROPRIATED

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Public Works.

Last week, following a question which I asked him about the expropriated parties in St. Scholastique, the minister answered that there would be a meeting Friday last. Now, can the minister tell us what are its results and whether he has reached an agreement with the representatives of the expropriated parties? If not, will there be another meeting and when?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, at the meeting last Friday, I promised to ask the advice of our very competent lawyer in Montreal concerning the complaints of the expropriated parties and after-

wards will be considering holding another meeting at a future date.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

In view of the fact that before the election of July 8, the parties expropriated in St. Scholastique were promised that a conciliation and consultation committee would be established and that it was not done afterwards, does the minister think that such a committee should be formed immediately to examine the cases under dispute?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I regret that the hon. member is not well informed. The committee has been established; they had sittings for several weeks and they put forward a report. It is about the implementation of this report that people are now complaining.

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FINANCE

POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT OF HOLDERS OF 1936 PERPETUAL
SAVINGS BONDS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): My question is for the Minister of Finance and it concerns his progress in devising a way to protect or reimburse the holders of the 1936 perpetual issue of Canadian savings bonds. As the minister knows, this issue, which was a \$50 million issue when the dollar was a dollar in 1936, is now worth approximately one third of its market value and in terms of its purchasing power is only worth \$9 of the 1936 dollar value. Could he report to the House and to the country whether he has yet devised a way to reimburse the original holders or somehow protect them in this respect?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): This is a very awkward problem. As the hon. gentleman knows, I have met with several members of the House from all parties. We are still caught with the conundrum of what to do with the registered as opposed to bearer bonds and how to be fair to those who have already cashed them in as opposed to those who have bonds the market price of which would be beneficially affected if we were to do something prior to the redemption.

Mr. MacKay: Would the minister consider either putting a definite term on these bonds or redeeming them from the original holders so that there could be no chance of any undue speculative profits, or would he consider substituting some other issue which would be more appropriate to today's capital market features than the one that is so obviously out of date and is such a blot on this country's financial record?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I will certainly consider those as additional options.

POSSIBLE ALTERATION OF EQUALIZATION FORMULA—
CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Last week the