

an refineries will continue to be met. In the short term, at least, there is apparently no problem in continuing supplies for refinery feed stocks.

Mr. Douglas: In view of the fact that prices in Canada are already increasing, may I ask what steps the government is taking to ensure that increased demand for Canadian oil in the United States is not used as an excuse for increasing the price to Canadian consumers to an unjustifiable level?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I think that the government of Alberta would take the view that this commodity should continue to increase in value along with other products in our community. At the present time we are not proposing any action with regard to price, although we will be watching very closely the impact of United States demand on Canadian prices in the Canadian market.

Mr. Douglas: Is the government making or has it made any study of the growth rate of crude oil reserves, and is the government satisfied that they are adequate in order to prevent an oil shortage in Canada in the immediate future?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, this question has been under assessment. Leaving out for the moment the question of the tar sands, I think I am correct in saying that conventional oil reserves in the central plains have not been growing in recent years. Obviously future Canadian demand will, I think, have to be met by the tar sands and by frontier oil. The question of supply is one of the questions that the board has under study and on which we reported last week. This is being given very careful attention in order to make sure that Canadian refineries have priority with regard to Canadian production.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM WAR—UNITED STATES' RESPONSE TO MOTION PASSED BY HOUSE AND MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIONS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. What response has the government of Canada received from the administration of the United States or from the Secretary of State of the United States to the motion passed by this House last Friday in connection with Viet Nam?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the text of this resolution was handed to the Secretary of State of the United States by Senator Martin when he was attending the memorial service for former President Truman. The embassy has also passed it on to the State Department. There has not yet been a reply.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Has there been any communication by the administration of the United States with the Canadian embassy in this connection? When the minister is answer-

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ing that question, will he also say whether or not there has been any reply from the United States to the several representations alleged to have been made by the Prime Minister and other members of the government to the United States during the two weeks prior to the motion passed by the House?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker, we have not yet received any replies.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I have one other question, Mr. Speaker. I asked the other day whether the minister would produce to the House the various representations alleged to have been made by the government and he said it was necessary to secure the permission of the administration of the United States, with which I agree. Has the minister asked for that permission so these illusory things can be produced?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the right hon. gentleman omitted one part of my answer the other day; I said that it was not our intention to ask the United States government to reveal these messages. We feel it is important to retain confidentiality in diplomatic exchanges between the two governments. However, I shall be quite prepared to answer questions about the general substance of these representations.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I have never known the minister to be so completely oblivious to the facts. He said the other day that he would, if he could, get the consent of the United States, and I have now asked him whether he had. Is it because there were no such representations that the minister is displaying such reluctance to answer?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear from the newspapers this morning that the United States has received such representations and has said so.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF BRYDEN COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the President of the Treasury Board following the line of questions that prompted him to say earlier that he wanted to be more informative. That being the case, would he inform the House when he intends to produce for the examination of members of the House the report of the Bryden Commission?

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Hon. C. M. Drury (President of Treasury Board): I believe the so-called Bryden Commission report does not lie within my jurisdiction.