

*External Affairs*

**Mr. Drew:** Mr. Speaker, the very suggestion that has now been made is a child of events of the first day. At that time there was an indication of an intention to depart from the established rules of this house. Since then we have been seeing one effort after another made to keep the procedure in this house in some sort of order, as a result of the confusion which followed that original step. The rules have been long established and for a definite reason. It is only because of the departure from those rules that a suggestion of this kind presents itself. I am not in a position to give, nor do I intend to give any undertaking or to make any suggestion as to what any member does. It is for the member who is speaking to determine whether he proposes to proceed, or if he does not, to move the adjournment.

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):** Mr. Speaker, this is really as contentious as the pipe lines bill, and I will not move to go into supply.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REFERENCE OF ESTIMATES OF DEPARTMENT  
TO STANDING COMMITTEE

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Pearson for reference of certain estimates to the standing committee on external affairs.

**Mr. Jean François Pouliot (Temiscouata):** Following what was said before six o'clock, the hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Blackmore) was in order in discussing trade under external affairs, because the consuls and the trade commissioners are under the Department of External Affairs. In my humble view, all those who are connected with the development of our trade should be under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Trade and Commerce, and it would simplify the work of the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

When the house took recess I had just reached a point where I was saying a word about Professor Lauterpacht. Did it not come to the mind of the leader of the opposition that the opinion expressed by that gentleman was in line with the external policy of the United States government? I am not imputing motives to anyone, but I would not be surprised at all if Mr. Acheson had asked that professor to give some elaborate opinion against the recognition of China, just to serve his own political purposes. I do not know Mr. Acheson; I do not know the professor; but I presume that the thing might have happened, and it is of the order of possibility.

Since my hon. friend, the leader of the opposition, was gracious enough to insist on the continuation of the debate, at this point

[Mr. Fournier (Hull).]

I should like to be useful to him. I shall tell him that not today but Friday I was greatly surprised when he spoke as he did, although he made a very fine speech. Before the last election he was rather dogmatic, but since then he has become academic, and I like him that way. He and I are in the same position. Neither of us is a member of the committee on external affairs. The leaders of the other groups, the leader of the C.C.F. group (Mr. Coldwell), and the leader of the Social Credit group (Mr. Low), are members of the committee on external affairs. Therefore when that committee sits, the members will have the opportunity to express their personal opinions as well as those of their respective groups.

When the estimates of the department were called on Friday the first item was the administration of the department. I was really surprised that the leader of the opposition did not give his views and those of his party on the estimates as they are. Sometimes they complain about high taxes. There are some increases and decreases in the estimates. It would have been most interesting to have had his views and those of his party on these matters. They meet every morning in caucus. I am not in a position to say that the conclusion of their caucuses is collective truth or collective wisdom or collective error. I will not go so far as to say that. I give everybody the benefit of the doubt. But if he had said, for instance, "There is an increase of over \$91,000 for departmental administration; what is that for?"—he could have asked that question. He did not do so. Then there is a decrease of \$708,571 for representation abroad. Why that drop? Why that decrease in the amount? These would have been interesting questions, and the genial Secretary of State for External Affairs would have been only too pleased to inform the leader of the opposition and the committee about it.

There are other matters. I shall bring item 71 to the attention of the leader of the opposition. There is an item of \$7,500 for the chairman of the Canadian section of the Canada-United States permanent joint board on defence. That is an interesting matter. Who is the gentleman to be selected? Why is he to be paid now when nobody was paid before? He might have asked that question. I am trying to help him. The minister would have answered, and we would not have had to wait for weeks before receiving the answer. I speak as one who has an interest in external affairs and who receives no secret information. I cannot complain about the fact that the minister does not give special information to the leader of the opposition. He has no right to get more information than any private