

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXPROPRIATION ACT**

## INQUIRY AS TO PREPARATION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Acting Prime Minister which I believe is timely and appropriate. I must apologize for not sending him notice, but I had some unexpected broadcast appointments and was detained at the last minute by several ladies who phoned me to say how pleased they were to know that I was paired with the Canadian people yesterday.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Herridge:** Is the government giving consideration to the drafting of a new expropriation bill at the request of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and other property owners affected?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I will have to take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY**

## INQUIRY AS TO DISCUSSIONS WITH DIRECTOR OF U.S. PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether, within the last few days, he has met with Dr. William Haddon, the director of the United States federal automobile and highway safety program. If so, can he report to the house on the result of such meetings?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I did have such a meeting which was very useful. We had a good exchange of ideas and opinions, and we agreed that the already close working relationship between our two countries would be reinforced and that at the official level particularly there should be meetings more often for a full exchange of information in order co-operatively to work out future standards which would reduce the carnage on our highways.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Did the minister inform Dr. Haddon that in addition to co-operating with the United States it was the intention of the Canadian government to enact specific Canadian standards in this field?

**Mr. Hellyer:** I suggested that it would be in our mutual interest to have standards as nearly as possible the same in the two countries, but in case we felt strongly that something was particularly required in this country, or that it was in the interests of Canadian citizens to have standards that were different, we would recommend them.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## VIET NAM—EFFORTS BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO EFFECT CESSATION OF BOMBING

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs having to do with the recent declaration by U Thant that after visits he has made to various capitals he is convinced that if there was a cessation of the bombing in Viet Nam it would only be a matter of a few days before the various parties would be available at the conference table.

Is the minister of the same opinion? If so, has he given support to that view in the last few days through representations made to the United States? And in the face of the frightfully mounting United States casualty list is there any indication that the department of state is giving serious consideration to this matter, and has the Canadian representative now in North Viet Nam been in touch with the North Vietnamese government in the last few days?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the United States position has not changed. The President reiterated the other day that he continues to support the position known as the San Antonio declaration; that is, that the United States will not stop the bombing unless there is an indication that talks will take place promptly under circumstances that will not be of disadvantage to United States military operations.

We have been in touch with the Secretary General who has reaffirmed that in his view, if the bombing did stop, there would be a willingness on the part of the north to have talks within a few days. I should hope that would be the situation, but I can only say that on the basis of the reports from our ambassador who has just returned from Hanoi, we were not able to obtain any precision. We do believe the north has reaffirmed its willingness to enter into talks, but other than what the Secretary General himself has