

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEETING RESPECTING AGREEMENTS  
BETWEEN PROVINCES AND  
FOREIGN STATES

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (President of the Privy Council):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Government will be prepared to proceed with legislation immediately. When the ten departments are called in the Committee of Supply we would propose to call the item on Senate reform and then, if there is time left after that, the Bank of Canada legislation.

## HATE LITERATURE

## REQUEST FOR PROHIBITION OF DISSEMINATION THROUGH MAIL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** May I ask a question about subversive activities a little different from those we have been discussing. I desire to ask a question of the Acting Postmaster General because of certain actions he took in closing certain mail boxes. In the absence of the Acting Postmaster General may I address my question to the Acting Acting Postmaster General, to whom I sent notice of my question early this morning.

My question is, has the attention of the Post Office Department been drawn to the fact that an organization calling itself "Natural Order", with headquarters in British Columbia at 1630 Alberni Street, Vancouver 5, has been using Her Majesty's mails to send out most vicious racial propaganda against Canadians, ethnically Jewish, and including in their mail distribution notification that people can receive literature of a similar nature from Canadian Publications, Gooderham, Ontario? I have received these copies through the mail, delivered to constituents in Vancouver. My question is, will the Post Office Department or the Acting Acting Postmaster General take action to stop the use of Her Majesty's mails for the dissemination of hate literature?

**Mr. Alexis Caron (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General):** I will take the place of the Acting Acting Postmaster General and bring the question to his attention when he comes back.

**Mr. Winch:** I am sorry, but I just heard that the hon. Member is the Acting Acting Postmaster General. I did not hear what action he was going to take.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** The hon. gentleman's question will be studied very carefully and the matter will be looked into.

**Mr. Winch:** I thank the Acting Acting Postmaster General for his reply.

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister in connection with talks which he held over the week end with the Premier of Quebec. What feature of the treaty making power is there for the Cabinets of Canada and Quebec to consider and report upon, in view of the statements which the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs have made to the effect that the treaty making power is entirely a Federal matter?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** There are discussions between the Federal Government and the Provinces continually because of arrangements that Provinces might wish to make with authorities even in other countries, dealing with practical matters but within the responsibility of the Federal Government for foreign policy.

[Translation]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Last night on the T.V. program "Press Conference", the Quebec premier stated that he had taken notes when the Prime Minister of Canada spoke and that the Prime Minister of Canada had taken notes when the Quebec premier spoke; so, both of them took notes. I should like to know if they have come to some agreement.

Last night it was all very well to hear Premier Jean Lesage say that he did not have the right or permission to say what went on. However, to what extent have the Prime Minister of Canada and the Quebec premier reached an agreement or an understanding concerning the kind of agreement which a province could make with another country supposing that provinces have to negotiate such agreements through Ottawa?

Would the right hon. Prime Minister have a statement to make in this regard in order to clearly establish whether the Prime Minister of Canada exercises more influence than the Quebec premier or if the latter exercises more influence than the Prime Minister of Canada under the new "conjugation"?

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**Mr. Pearson:** I doubt whether I should report to the House on the relative influence