

Inquiries of the Ministry

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I might add that I am assured by the trustee in charge of S.I.U. administration that reform of union financing is now under active consideration.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Has the minister not received communications recently with regard to this list? Has he not, within the last two or three days, received a letter from Toronto in this connection? Will he look this up and see whether it is so? Second, will he tell us the name of the trustee in question who is in charge of S.I.U. operations?

Mr. MacEachen: I will be glad to check into the matter of the letter. The trustee in charge of S.I.U. administration is Mr. Charles Millard, a member of the board.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): I should like to ask the Minister of Labour if he is taking steps to ask the trustees whether they will inquire into the statement made by my hon. friend from Port Arthur last night to the effect that if they would look in a particular place on the fourth floor of the S.I.U. building in Montreal they would find the famous list which is now said to be non-existent; at least it was there yesterday evening if steps were not taken to remove it.

I should also like the minister to find out from the trustees if Mr. John Wood and Mr. Michael Sheehan, who were members of the S.I.U., have applied for reinstatement. If they have—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is already quite long. I suggest that if the hon. member wants all this detailed information he should put the question on the order paper.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INQUIRY AS TO NEW DEPARTMENTAL BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the minister of external affairs. In view of the opening this morning of the new and most impressive British high commission building which is located around the corner on Elgin street, on a most valuable and convenient piece of real estate, does the minister have any plans for his most important Department of External Affairs building or for new housing

[Mr. MacEachen.]

facilities in an equally valuable and convenient location? I am particularly concerned that as Canada reaches toward final autonomy—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question is of great interest to all hon. members, I am sure, particularly if there is an opportunity of getting the east block; but would the hon. member put his question on the order paper.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

QUEBEC—DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temisamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Is it true that secret negotiations are going on at the present time between the Quebec provincial government and the federal government?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, negotiations are always taking place between the government of Quebec and the government of Canada on a variety of subjects.

[Translation]

Mr. Martineau: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question. Has Mr. Lesage informed the right hon. Prime Minister or the Canadian government that he might impose double taxation in that province?

[Text]

Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

Hon. Theogene Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister a supplementary question. Can he tell the house if he would let the Quebec government's actuaries meet with the officials of the federal government to discuss both the provincial and federal pension plans?

[Text]

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, this seems to me to be a very good suggestion. As a matter of fact the experts have been looking at the plans of both governments.

[Later:]

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Following press reports from the province of Quebec today, will the Prime Minister say whether he has offered a package deal on cost sharing programs to the premier of that province?