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Inquiries of the Ministry EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CANADA AS SITE FOR SUMMIT MEETING

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he can indicate that during his discussions with President Nixon he raised the possibility of Canada providing the site for a summit meeting of the two great powers, and whether or not such a possibility was discussed between the Secretary of State for External Affairs and himself?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question was not discussed with President Nixon but I will ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs to take note of it.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

TERMINATION OF PROGRAM "DON MESSER'S JUBILEE"

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether he will use his good offices to prevent the pending demise of the Don Messer show now enjoyed by millions on national television? As a supplementary, perhaps I might suggest that this matter could be debated at ten o'clock.

WATER RESOURCES

POLLUTION IN ATLANTIC COASTAL REGION

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries or his Parliamentary Secretary to indicate the results of a recent investigation in respect of water pollution in the Atlantic coastal region and its adverse effect in the general coastal area, and particularly on Atlantic sealers?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the hon. member is asking for a very general statement which normally should be made during motions.

Mr. Lundrigan: May I ask whoever the hon. gentleman may be when we may expect a statement in respect of this investigation into a matter which is causing considerable concern?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): As soon as the investigation is completed, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Speaker.]

HOUSING

PROPOSED MINISTERIAL VISIT TO URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can I rely on the roster system and hope that the Minister of Transport, who is responsible for housing, will be here tomorrow? Also, while the Prime Minister is on his feet will he advise the house whether the minister in fact made the junket he was supposed to make in the week after Easter with regard to urban renewal? I ask this question because it would appear that the Minister of Transport is sort of evading the member for Hamilton West.

TELEVISION

EDMONTON—REQUEST FOR ANSWER TO META PROPOSAL

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. In view of the minister's statement in Edmonton that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will soon be ready to make a decision on a French language television station in Edmonton, would the minister please indicate when he will make a decision on a more urgent problem, namely, the request by META?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, first of all, I must say that the words credited to me are not mine. I merely said that I would make every effort to convince the C.B.C. of the urgency of developing its French television services in western Canada.

With regard to the organization mentioned by the hon. member and which is engaged in educational television, it is already having relations and discussions with the task force created within the Secretary of State, and its requests are being carefully considered. Furthermore, I think that the people responsible for META are satisfied with the results up to now.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: There are only about 30 seconds left before the end of the question period, so I will recognize the right hon. member for Prince Albert.