

INDIAN EDUCATION, MANITOBA

Motion No. 47—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the government of Canada or any agency, branch or department thereof and the government of the province of Manitoba since January 1, 1967 relating to the matter of education for Indians.

Motion agreed to.

INDIAN EDUCATION, SASKATCHEWAN

Motion No. 48—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the government of Canada or any agency, branch or department thereof and the government of the province of Saskatchewan since January 1, 1967 relating to the matter of education for Indians.

Motion agreed to.

INDIAN EDUCATION, ALBERTA

Motion No. 49—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the government of Canada or any agency, branch or department thereof and the government of the province of Alberta since January 1, 1967 relating to the matter of education for Indians.

Motion agreed to.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OUTSIDE ADVISERS ASSISTING IN REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Now that the names of outside advisers who are to participate in the review of foreign policy have been leaked to the press together with the procedures to be followed in this review, will the hon. gentleman not agree that parliament and the country are entitled to a statement from the government in respect of the personnel, procedures and terms of reference of this review?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I held preliminary conversations with some ten people on September 28, not about the foreign policy review but about procedures for associating

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academic specialists with discussions on Canadian relations with Europe. These ten individuals, whose names are accurately reported by Mr. Newman in his article, are representatives of non-governmental organizations with particular interests in foreign policy, research and discussion. I am very much indebted to them for having undertaken to select academics who might have such discussions with us. I am sure everyone in the house will agree that it would be useful to get the views of academics on this question. The people who are mentioned in Mr. Newman's article are not likely to be those who will be involved in the review.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, would the Secretary of State for External Affairs consider it appropriate in these circumstances to indicate to parliament and Canada the terms of reference to this inquiry; and would he also confirm whether it is his intention or the intention of the government to submit this report to a private meeting sponsored by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs for consideration before parliament, any parliamentary committee or Canadians as a whole have had the opportunity to see the report? I ask this question in view of the position taken by the minister in requesting that he be allowed to obtain these comments regarding our foreign policy.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the discussion we will be having with these academics is to elicit their views before the government reaches any conclusions. The academics will not be made privy to any of the views of the government on this subject. It will be the purpose of the meeting to find out, before the government completes its review or comes to any view, the views of these people.

If I may be permitted to refer to a committee of the house, yesterday when I appeared before the committee on external affairs I made it plain, and I should like to repeat this now, that it would be very agreeable to the government if the committee were to invite the views of members of parliament and others who might like to appear before the committee to express their views before the government has completed this review. After the review is completed the intention is to publish a white paper, which would then of course be open for debate.

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): A supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Speaker. First, are