

IRRIGATION

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER—REQUEST FOR
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING DAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Since the government is prepared to subsidize foreigners in building pipe lines—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North): —is the government prepared to subsidize Canadians to build the Saskatchewan river dam project?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I am sorry; I was not able to hear the hon. gentleman's question.

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North): I am happy to repeat it. The question I asked was this. Since the government is prepared to subsidize foreigners to build pipe lines, is the government prepared to subsidize Canadians to build the Saskatchewan river dam project?

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East): The government has no knowledge of any proposal by Canadians to build the South Saskatchewan dam project.

Mr. Argue: The people who live in Saskatchewan are Canadians.

Mr. Coldwell: The Saskatchewan government is a Canadian government.

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East): The Saskatchewan government is a Canadian government, but the government of Saskatchewan would like the government of Canada to build the South Saskatchewan dam. I am not prepared to admit that the government is ready to subsidize foreigners to build pipe lines.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PIPE LINES—PROCEDURE RESPECTING RESOLUTIONS
ON ORDER PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): May I ask the Minister of Finance, in his capacity as leader of the house, whether the placing on the order paper, and particularly proceeding with the debate thereafter, of the resolution to which the Minister of Trade and Commerce referred today will necessitate withdrawal of the resolution on pipe lines now on the order paper.

Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance): My understanding is that the present resolution may be proceeded with despite the fact there is another resolution on the order paper having to do with part of the matter covered by the new resolution. It is perhaps a matter

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of opinion whether or not the former resolution ought to be disposed of at the same time, but in my own opinion it is not necessary as long as you call the one and deal with it.

Mr. Hees: Could the minister indicate to the house when one of the pipe-line resolutions will be brought forward for debate?

Mr. Harris: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we intend to bring it forward at the earliest possible moment. I am not sure yet whether that will be Thursday or Friday.

Mr. Fleming: May I ask the minister which of the two resolutions it will be the intention of the government to proceed with first in relation to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines?

Mr. Harris: The one that was tabled today, sir.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ISRAEL—REPORTED SALE OF SABRE AIRCRAFT
BY CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I should like him to say whether there is any foundation for the report in the *New York Post* that the Canadian government has agreed to the shipment to Israel of 24 Sabre aircraft for which the sale price is said to be \$11 million.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, there is no foundation for that report.

FLOODS

MANITOBA—INQUIRY AS TO FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. F. S. Zaplitny (Dauphin): May I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture? Has the minister's attention been drawn to a recent press dispatch referring to a statement by the premier of Manitoba to the effect that most of the cost of repairing the dikes along the Assiniboine river will be paid by the federal government? If this report is correct, will the same consideration be given to other areas in Manitoba where flood damages have occurred this year?

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the first part of the question my attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the *Winnipeg Tribune* on May 2, 1956, that was somewhat along the lines of the suggestion made in the question. The P.F.R.A. has been rebuilding dikes originally built by the Department of Public Works along the Assiniboine river near Portage la Prairie. The work