

federal government was prepared to sponsor legislation to legalize lotteries conducted by provinces for revenue purposes. The reply I conveyed to him was that the government does not contemplate the introduction of any bill at the present session to amend the Criminal Code.

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Murdo Martin (Timmins): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the report in this morning's *Le Devoir* that the C.N.R. in paid advertisements refers to French as Montreal's second language, would the minister assure the house that he will inform Mr. Gordon that Montreal is the second largest French speaking city in the world?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has given the information already.

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether it is true that he intends to appoint to the Senate the former mayor of Toronto, Mr. Nathan Phillips.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think it is competent to ask for confirmation or denial of any rumors.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP—NATIONALITY OF SIR CASIMIR GZOWSKI

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Postmaster General to assure the house that Sir Casimir Gzowski, the great Polish patriot who is to be honoured by a commemorative stamp, was of Polish origin and not a citizen of Russia.

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Postmaster General): If my memory serves me correctly, I think no such assertion was made. Having regard for the changes in geography since the date of his birth, I think there might be some confusion as to the actual territory concerned, but no statement was made to that effect as far as I can recall.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): Did the hon. lady hear the announcement on the C.B.C. this morning, which stated quite clearly that he was born in Russia?

Mr. Speaker: Order. We are now getting into some little bit of argument here. I think the persons concerned can settle it.

Alleged Lack of Government Leadership

PUBLIC SERVICE

INQUIRY AS TO PAY REVIEW FOR CERTAIN CLASSES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Is the question of pay increases for messengers and cleaning staff in the House of Commons and for the civil servants not provided for on December 10 still under review, or has a decision been reached?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the matter is under review.

SUPPLY

The house resumed, from Monday, February 4, consideration of the motion of Mr. Nowlan for committee of supply, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Pearson, and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Thompson.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, we in the Liberal opposition are prepared to support the subamendment moved by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Thompson), which expresses in somewhat different words the same lack of confidence expressed in the amendment moved by the Leader of the Opposition. We particularly welcome the opportunity to express the view that the government has failed to give a clear statement of policy respecting Canada's national defence.

Last evening I put on the record some of the factual material relating to our present defence dilemma, which should have been put on the record by the government. The facts demonstrate that the government undertook, without any coercion, certain commitments in the common defence which it now refuses to honour. Furthermore, it attempts to confuse an already complicated subject by introducing irrelevant and misleading information designed to camouflage its bungling and indecision.

The Prime Minister, for example, in referring to the adequacy of the United States strategic deterrent, attempts to give the impression that the Canadian contribution would be an unnecessary supplement. The hon. member for York South even more skilful in his confusion, quotes the Leader of the Opposition as saying that Canada should not contribute to the strategic nuclear deterrent.

Mr. Speaker, no one is suggesting that we should do so. There are three classes of atomic weapons, and these are well known