

Inquiries of the Ministry

of Public Works completed an agreement with the province of Ontario to share the cost on more than one route designated as the trans-Canada highway? If so, is No. 11 highway from North Bay to Cochrane, Kapuskasing, Hearst and Geraldton included in the agreement?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works): No, there is only one road covered by the agreement, and in that part of Ontario it goes roughly along the north shore of lake Superior.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): May I ask a supplementary question. Is the minister not aware that a year or so ago the provincial minister of highways promised the people in that area that two trans-Canada highway routes would be designated in that district, one along lake Superior and the other through Chapleau and on to the lake?

Mr. Green: No, I was not aware of that fact. This may have been some of the complicated work done by the former federal government.

Mr. Pearson: No, Mr. Speaker, it was not. It was done by the provincial government and announced by the provincial minister.

TRADE**OIL—REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING REMOVAL OF U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister's attention been drawn to a press report of a letter written by Congressman Coffin to President Eisenhower urging him to remove United States restrictions against the importation of Canadian oil? Has Canada made further representations subsequent to the publishing of this letter, and can the minister say whether progress is now being made toward the lifting of these restrictions?

Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I desire to express my thanks to the hon. member for sending me a copy of this question. In reply I can say that my attention has been drawn to the text of that letter, and I have read it with great gratification. I am glad to be able to say also that it is very closely in accord with the views of the Canadian government. With respect to representations, the latest occasion on which the government put its views in this matter before the government of the United States was in a note dated June 23, 1958. The matter was also raised during President Eisenhower's visit to Ottawa in

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early July. It is our hope that the representations we have made on a number of occasions and the support which our views have now been given by Congressman Coffin will lead to the removal as soon as possible of United States import restrictions against Canadian oil.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**JORDAN—INQUIRY AS TO EVACUATION OF CANADIANS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, has the Secretary of State for External Affairs anything to say about the announcement by the United States government that it has requested citizens of United States nationality to leave Jordan? What preparations or arrangements are being made by the government of Canada for Canadian nationals in Jordan?

Hon. Sidney E. Smith (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Canada has no official representation in Jordan. Precautions taken concerning the protection of Canadian citizens in Jordan and their possible evacuation in times of emergency are:

1. They were requested some time ago to register with the British mission in Amman.
2. Warnings to leave given by the British mission would include the nine registered Canadians and other British subjects in Jordan.
3. Advantage could be taken by Canadians of both British and United States facilities for evacuation.

The decision for evacuating Canadians and other British subjects from Jordan rests, as far as we are concerned, with the United Kingdom ambassador in Amman, and does not depend upon warnings issued by the United States authorities to its nationals to leave the country.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Does the Secretary of State for External Affairs not realize that the hon. member for Essex East will soon be in that area, and that every effort should be made to protect him?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Rather, every effort should be made to protect that area.

PUGWASH, N.S.—CANADIAN REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I regret having once again to disturb the equanimity of the Secretary of State for External Affairs on a Monday morning by