

banning nuclear weapons tests. Is it agreed that the said document now be tabled?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely private bills, notices of motions (papers) and public bills.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

CORRESPONDENCE WITH U.S. RESPECTING UNION TRUSTEESHIP

On the order: Notices of motions (papers):

October 31—Resuming debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Martineau: That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all telegrams, correspondence, communications and other documents and replies thereto between the government of United States of America, or any of its departments, and the government of Canada, or any of its departments, concerning the great lakes shipping situation and the proposed trusteeship of Canadian maritime unions since the 6th of July, 1963.

[Translation]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temisca-mingue): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin) has asked me if I would agree to this motion being postponed. I gladly comply with that request provided that the motion would not lose its priority on the order paper.

[Text]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN R.C.M.P. AND ALERT SERVICE

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur) moved:

That an order of the house be issued for a copy of all correspondence between the R.C.M.P. commissioner's office or that of the "I" directorate office and the Alert Service (Marjorie Lamb, P.O. Box 173, Station "Q", Toronto, Ontario), since June 1, 1961.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice indicated that the government is not prepared to provide me with the information requested under this notice and I want to present the argument in support of providing the information. I think the best place for me to start is by reading the description of the Alert Service as put out by that organization. I therefore read this paper which is headed, "The Alert Service, 1047 Yonge street, Toronto 5, Canada, Marjorie Lamb, Founder and Director". Under "function" it says:

The function of the Alert Service is to keep Canadians accurately and constantly informed about the policies and operations of communism, and to

Alert Service Correspondence with R.C.M.P. devise and encourage sound methods of combating communist above ground operations in Canada.

Under the heading "history" it says:

The Alert Service was started in 1950 upon the request of Canadians for authenticated information on communist activity in Canada. Since then it has evolved into a nationally and internationally recognized information and counselling service helping Canadians to equip themselves to meet the propaganda and infiltration efforts of the communists.

Under the heading "financing" it says:

The maintenance and expansion of the Alert Service work have been and continue to be made possible by the voluntary contributions of Canadians. The funds are held in trust and the books are subject to audit. Donations make possible the distribution of literature and information so necessary to meet and overcome the communist threat to freedom.

This is dated January, 1963. I should like to quote from another publication of Alert Service, also with the same heading, in which it says:

Communism and you. Your personal responsibility in frustrating communist activity. Because the avowed objective of the communist party, no matter what they happen to be saying at the moment, is the overthrow of our system of government, the operations of the communists in Canada is the professional concern of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which is the law enforcement agency charged with national security. It is their job to know what the communists are doing. Therefore they are glad to receive any information concerning communist activity. In dealing with any infringement of Canadian laws such as sabotage and sedition they act against communists as against any other lawbreakers. It is important for every Canadian to know that under existing regulations it is not the function of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to distribute information concerning communists or communist activity. In the area of communist infiltration of ideas and psychological warfare, at a time when we are not at war with another country, their job is not to act but to watch and know. They do not, for example, take action against communists who are attempting to infiltrate into trade unions, churches or voluntary organizations or to run for government office. To see that the communists do not obtain their objectives in these areas is the voluntary job of every loyal Canadian.

I think that makes it fairly clear what the objects of the Alert Service happen to be. It is a voluntary service supported, I gather, by voluntary contributions. It is an organization that is 13 years old and it is out to get Canadians to help, in a voluntary way, to understand and to fight the communist menace in Canada in its above board aspects. From its own propaganda apparently it is also an agency that encourages co-operation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and implicit in what it says, of course, is the suggestion that any citizens who have any information or suspicions should let the R.C.M.P. know about them.

I want to put on the record a question I asked last year. It was question No. 1,288