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UNITED NATIONS

MIDDLE EAST—POSSIBLE USE OF TRUCE SUPERVISORY ORGANIZATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the statement yesterday by Ambassador Ignatieff to the effect that the UN truce supervisory organization, rather than the emergency force, would or may be the best way of re-establishing a UN presence in the Middle East along the cease fire lines, has this organization been regrouped and coordinated, and has Canada made any preparations to provide additional personnel when they are required, which we hope will be immediately?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, would my hon. friend agree that this question might be answered when we come to the estimates, which will be right after the orders of the day?

Mr. Olson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May I suggest to hon. members that they might refrain from asking questions of the same nature as the one asked by the hon. member for Medicine Hat, inasmuch as in a few minutes we will go into committee to consider the external affairs estimates.

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether the supervisory truce commission personnel are taking any part in the cease fire between Israel and Jordan.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question concerning the truce supervisory commission or the United Nations observer corps on the borders of Israel and Syria and the borders of Israel and Jordan. Is the report accurate that one of these men was killed yesterday, and what steps are being taken to provide for the safety of Canadian members of this commission under the present situation of war that prevails?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I cannot confirm officially that one member of the United Nations truce supervisory organization has lost his life. There has been a story to that effect. So far as I know, no Canadian officer is in that locality.

Mr. Churchill: Are the members of this commission obliged now to make observations with regard to military attacks that are occurring?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): They are carrying out their duties to the extent that is possible.

MR. JUSTICE LANDREVILLE

INQUIRY AS TO PENSION ELIGIBILITY FOLLOWING RESIGNATION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I know the Minister of Justice is waiting for a question in regard to the resignation of Mr. Justice Landreville. As a result of having resigned voluntarily, will the judge be eligible to receive the bounty of a pension for a retired judge?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, that is hardly a question; it is a commentary.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Trudeau: I can only say that as far as I know there is no question of bounty.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Then let us get a comment from the minister: Will Justice Landreville receive a pension? Is that a commentary?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I understand this question. I think it is very much the type of matter to which the government might well give some consideration.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: May we have order, please.

Mr. Brewin: If the Minister of Justice would direct his attention to me for a minute I will put my question. Is there anything in the correspondence leading up to the resignation and the acceptance of the resignation of