

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

EXPO '67**USE OF SITE ON CONCLUSION OF EXHIBITION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Georges C. Lachance (Lafontaine): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister?

On his visit to Montreal last Saturday evening as the guest of his honour the mayor of Montreal, and Expo authorities, was Expo discussed and, if so, what were the results of the discussions? Does the right hon. Prime Minister intend to advise the house on the matter in the near future?

[English]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No discussions have taken place as the result of our meeting of last Saturday, since that was a social occasion when the government was happy indeed to be so wonderfully entertained by the mayor of Montreal. So far as the disposition of Expo buildings and the possible use of the Expo site after the end of Expo are concerned, these discussions are going on at the present time. I hope that before long it will be possible to make an announcement.

[Translation]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Can the right hon. Prime Minister tell us whether steps have been taken to use the Expo grounds as the site of a French university?

[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS**TORONTO—ADMISSION OF AVIATION FUELING FIRM SUPERVISORS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Has he received a telegram from the chairman of the negotiating committee of the local of the international association of machinists in Toronto protesting the admission to Canada of some 15 supervisors for the firm of Consolidated Aviation Fueling of Toronto Limited, who would work in Toronto in the face of a lawful strike of the employees of the firm? If so, what steps has the minister taken?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I have not yet seen

any telegram, though perhaps one has been received in my office. But I have heard about this problem; I am awaiting a report, and I hope that tomorrow I shall be in a position to tell the hon. member what we are doing in this field.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): A supplementary question; maybe the Prime Minister will wish to answer it. Can the right hon. gentleman give the house any information about the position of the Woods committee report on labour and management relations, or give us any indication as to its contents? When will this report be available?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I have been pressing for a report from this important task force. I hope an interim report will be made before the end of the year, and that the work will be completed in 1968. I am expecting an interim report before the end of this year.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**STEPS TO CONTROL IMITATIONS OF ESKIMO AND INDIAN ART**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. What action has the government taken to control the flood of cheap imitations of Eskimo carvings which has been pouring on to the Canadian market recently?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): We have been engaged in a study of the protective measures we can take to preserve the integrity of Eskimo carvings and Indian art work. This has progressed to a point at which a report has now been received from the man to whom we gave the contract, and I hope we shall be in a position to move in the direction indicated by the hon. member at an early date.

Mr. Dinsdale: Has the government made any representations to the enterprisers operating in this field, pointing out to them the basic importance of this industry to the Eskimo economy?

Mr. Laing: We have done that in some of the more remote areas where patterns of clothing have been copied from Eskimo designs, but for those who are heavily engaged in this practice I believe something more than exhortation is required.