

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, February 28, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Seventh and eighth reports of standing committee on justice and legal affairs—Mr. Cameron (High Park).

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EXPENDITURES IN CANADA BY U.S.
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, information has just been brought to my attention as a result of which I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister, who may require some time before answering. This question relates to the extraordinary and completely unjustifiable conduct of the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States as revealed recently regarding the secret transfer of large amounts of money to organizations outside the United States. Will the Prime Minister communicate with the administration in Washington to ascertain what moneys, if any, were expended by the C.I.A. to Canadians during the period between May of 1962 and June of 1963? I refer to those amounts of money in addition to what was given to one student organization, the facts of which are now public knowledge.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to look into this matter.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

RETRAINING OF WORKERS LAID OFF BECAUSE
OF AUTOMOBILE AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Has his attention been drawn to the address delivered to the Empire Club of Canada at Toronto by Mr. George Burt, director of the United Automobile Workers, in which he stated that the auto workers laid off

by reason of the auto pact are not being retrained and have not been able to obtain alternative employment? Have steps been taken by the minister's department to remedy this situation?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am sure the hon. gentleman will realize that in this regard there is a problem in relation to the reference of workers to re-training programs because of a lack of facilities in certain areas. We are attempting to solve this problem with provincial co-operation.

Mr. Douglas: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since it is not possible to ask the minister detailed questions on the orders of the day, I wonder whether he would consider making a statement or issuing a white paper very soon indicating what the government is doing with respect to either the re-training of or finding employment for the several thousand auto workers who have been laid off recently.

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, I am preparing a more detailed statement, and as soon as it is ready I will be happy to make it in the house.

[Translation]

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING AIR MAIL SERVICE
BETWEEN CANADA AND U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Could he tell us what came out of his discussions with the authorities in Washington about the air mail service between Canada and the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think that the hon. member for Mégantic is now inviting the minister to make a statement which should normally be made on motions.