

TRANSPORT

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAUSEWAY—RESOLUTION RESPECTING POSSIBLE DELAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Melvin McQuaid (Kings): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. Would the Prime Minister inform the house whether he has yet received the resolution passed unanimously yesterday by the Prince Edward Island legislature protesting the announced readjustment of the timetable for the next phase of the Prince Edward Island causeway, and what does the government propose to do about the protest?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not received the resolution, though I have heard from the Leader of the Opposition about it. We will consider the resolution as soon as we receive it.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

COURT DECISION RESPECTING PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, a week ago today the Minister of National Health and Welfare said that either on Friday or the following Monday he would give me the government's decision with respect to supplying health services to the native Indian population, as a result of the decision of the Appeal Court of Saskatchewan on the medicine chest case. Since a week has elapsed, I wonder whether the minister could tell us what decision has been arrived at.

Hon. A. J. McEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, in reply to my hon. friend I should explain that upon later examination it was concluded that this was a matter more within the competence and jurisdiction of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources and I presume, but I would be glad to check, that he is dealing with the matter.

Mr. Douglas: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could I ask the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources whether any decision has been reached. As I pointed out in the question I asked a week ago today, the native Indians must decide fairly soon whether to register an appeal against the decision of the Saskatchewan appeal court, and it is therefore a matter of urgency.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): No, Mr. Speaker, but the whole matter is under review.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether I could ask the minister to speed up his review because of the importance of the time limitation attendant upon the possibility of an appeal.

Mr. Laing: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

AIR CANADA

LACK OF FRENCH SPEAKING MEMBERS OF STAFF

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

In view of the fact that we have just received the latest annual report of Air Canada and there is no French speaking Canadian among its executive directors, is the minister ready to go in front of that company's headquarters, together with the Minister of Immigration—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Grégoire: May I ask a supplementary question?

Mr. Speaker: No, because the first one was ruled out of order.

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NATO—REMOVAL OF CANADIAN TROOPS FROM FRANCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the government of Canada received any communication from the government of France regarding the decision of President de Gaulle to require the removal of Canadian NATO troops from French soil by April 1, 1967? If so, what is the reaction of the government to such a request?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the house has already been informed of the aide memoire of March 10 in which the government of France informed the Canadian government of its