

Inquiries of the Ministry

One of these letters concerned the use by Canada and Australia of quantitative restrictions on imports.

Mr. Chevrier: May I ask a supplementary question. Will this exchange of letters be tabled?

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member is asking for the tabling of those letters it will have to be done under the usual arrangement between government and government.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister seek to obtain that approval before the treaty is discussed in this house, when the minister asks for ratification?

Mr. Churchill: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION

REPORTED PLANS TO EXCLUDE CANADA FROM U.S. AIR FREIGHTER MARKET

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Defence Production. Will the minister comment on the report in the *Financial Post* of February 20 that a United States Senate committee is pressing plans to prevent the Canadair CL-44 from winning any substantial share of the estimated \$600 million air freighter market in the United States? Can the minister say whether, because of the Canada-United States defence production sharing agreement, United States orders for the CL-44 can be obtained?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the first part of the question relates to matters entirely outside the jurisdiction of the minister, but the second part is acceptable.

Hon. Raymond O'Hurley (Minister of Defence Production): Mr. Speaker, we are certainly having a lot of interest shown in this matter, and in my reply I wish to state that I was asked the same question by the hon. member for Laurier, with respect to the passage of this bill in Washington. Officials from Canadair were in Washington all last week, and a team is there now getting information from United States authorities on this bill. I am not able to make a full report just now, but as soon as I get an additional report, which I am expecting this afternoon, I will be only too happy to report to the house.

[Mr. Churchill.]

ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES

NATIONAL GALLERY—OMISSION OF NAME OF FORMER DIRECTOR AT OPENING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister arising out of a report in the *Ottawa Citizen* of Saturday last concerning the opening of the new national gallery building. Based on that report, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether it was a matter of deliberate policy by the government that the name of Mr. Jarvis, the former director of the gallery, who had the responsibility for so much of the work leading up to the opening of the new building, was not mentioned although that of his predecessor was; or was it merely an extraordinary circumstance?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it was neither intentional nor an extraordinary circumstance.

Mr. McIlraith: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the Prime Minister advise the house whether he received an alleged memorandum or letter signed by the gallery staff complaining of this circumstance?

Mr. Diefenbaker: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McIlraith: A supplementary question—
Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. McIlraith: Has the Prime Minister received, as seems to be implied in this story, a resignation either from the chairman of the board of trustees or the director, arising out of the circumstances?

Mr. Diefenbaker: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Chevrier: It seems like a *lapsus linguae*.

PUBLIC WORKS

LAKEHEAD—INQUIRY AS TO POSITION OF TERMINAL CONTRACT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Public Works. Has the minister anything further to report on the situation arising out of the decision he announced in the house last week, that the contract for stage 3 of the lakehead terminal contract was being cancelled?

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Nothing further to report, Mr. Speaker, except that we are having trouble cancelling it. They became aware of our intention owing to the intervention of the hon. member for Port Arthur, and they are