

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

would be the first step toward a single, unified defence for Canada. This white paper was studied by the then special committee on defence and a unanimous report was made to this House of Commons in support of the general policy as outlined at that time.

For some people to make the discovery all of a sudden of what is intended, as if it were news to them, having failed to take into consideration the policy of the government as laid down at that time and as it has been implemented since, is surprising indeed and makes one wonder if as members of parliament they had been as diligent in their responsibility as they should be. I can assure my hon. friend that when the legislation is introduced in the House of Commons later this year and when it is referred to the committee on defence, full opportunity will be given for discussion, that the details of the plan will be outlined, that in the meantime they will have been made available to the

members of the armed forces, and that there will be ample opportunity for all hon. members and all interested groups to study it, and to pass judgment in respect of it.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Are we to wait until Christmas?

**Mr. Hellyer:** I hope not and I hope the work of the house will be expedited to allow for consideration of this matter.

**Mr. Lambert:** May I raise a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker? The minister stated that the special committee on defence gave unanimous approval to the white paper. That is patently false. This was a majority report, and the minister is not aware of the views of various members of the committee. Therefore he cannot come forth in this house and say this was a unanimous report.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

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