

Inquiries of the Ministry

is, has a definite date for this promised meeting been set?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): A definite date has not been set, because it was understood, as I think the hon. gentleman knows, or perhaps I should say that it was our understanding that the representatives of the municipalities, of the cities out west also wanted to appear before the parliamentary committee. I think there would be no difficulty about agreeing on a day or two days in succession when they could see a committee of the cabinet, and appear before the other committee as well. We want to make it as convenient as we possibly can for them.

Mr. Pascoe: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has a request been received from these specific representatives to have the cabinet set the meeting date first, so that they could make arrangements for a meeting on that date?

Mr. Pickersgill: I am afraid I should have to inquire into that. I have been rather preoccupied for the last day or two.

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): I want to ask the Minister of Transport a question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister suggesting or recommending that all of those who have petitioned and appealed the judgment handed down by the Board of Transport Commissioners should appear before the standing committee to argue, or present their viewpoint.

Mr. Pickersgill: No, sir, but I did understand from an inquiry made by the hon. member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre (Mr. Pascoe) that the group, whose spokesman was the mayor of Moose Jaw, wanted to do both. I think it would be a convenience to them if we could arrange things so that that could be done on one single trip, particularly in view of the shortage of passenger service.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**R.C.A.F.—CURTAILMENT IN FLIGHTS OVER FRANCE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister advise the house whether there have been any curtailments of R.C.A.F. overflight privileges over France, utilizing Marville in its United Nations operations to North Africa or the Middle East?

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Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Is my hon. friend suggesting recent curtailment?

Mr. Lambert: Yes.

Mr. Hellyer: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. I will have to take that question as notice. If there are any curtailments I will advise my hon. friend.

Mr. Lambert: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister ascertain whether there have been some rather odd delays of one day, which have thrown schedules out?

Mr. Hellyer: Yes, I will be glad to ascertain that, Mr. Speaker.

INDUSTRY**HEAVY WATER—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON SECOND PLANT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River): My question is for the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. I would ask him if he is ready to comment on the negotiations between Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and Canadian Westinghouse.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to have a chance—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that it is not in order to ask whether a minister of the Crown is prepared to comment on a certain situation. Certainly that is not a proper question.

Mr. Reid: May I rephrase the question, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday as reported in *Hansard* the minister said that he would have to answer the question asked by the hon. member for Moose Mountain (Mr. Southam) concerning the state of negotiations between Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and Canadian Westinghouse. I would ask the minister if he could give us the information now.

Mr. Pepin: I think it would be fair for me to answer the hon. member for Moose Mountain, who asked me yesterday where the heavy water plant project of the Canadian General Electric Company would be located. Mr. Speaker, the 90 day survey period agreed upon between C.G.E. and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited will end on Friday next, March 18. We shall have to wait until that date to get a decision.