

Inquiries of the Ministry

establishments and to make recommendations in respect of the degree of protection which should apply in each case.

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister tell us how much FN rifle ammunition was stolen from the armoury in Montreal? Also, and perhaps more important, can ammunition of this type for this rifle be bought commercially?

Mr. Hellyer: I am sorry that I do not have that figure at hand, but I can get it for my hon. friend.

INQUIRY AS TO PRESENTATION OF WHITE PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In the light of the varying estimates as to when we are going to get the white paper on defence, can the minister now inform the house when he anticipates being able to release that document?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Soon, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Churchill: That is what you said last fall.

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Defence. Is the minister aware that the Bomarc missile is now being exhibited in a museum of obsolete missiles at Cape Kennedy?

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, I was not aware that the Bomarc A, an earlier version of the Bomarc B, which was ordered for use in this country by the previous government, was on display there. If I am travelling in that vicinity I will have a look at it.

INQUIRY AS TO ALTERNATIVE TO FRIGATE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the unemployment that will be created in Halifax and in Nova Scotia generally by the cancellation of the general purpose frigate program, will the minister tell the house what alternative construction program he has that will be of benefit to the Nova Scotia shipbuilders?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): I do not think this is an appropriate question for orders of the day. First of all, I deny the allegation that there has been a reduction in employment in Halifax. I think the contrary is true. Second, in so far as

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future policy is concerned, if my hon. friend will contain himself for a few days I hope to be able to produce the white paper which will reveal future policy.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence a supplementary question. He took exception to the statement about layoffs in Halifax. I wonder if the minister would care, later in the afternoon, to meet a person who was recently laid off and who visited my office this morning. He is now being assisted through the courtesy of the Minister of Labour. He has been laid off from the Halifax yard, and the minister can meet him this afternoon if he so wishes.

BAGOTVILLE, QUE.—INCREASE IN STRENGTH OF ESTABLISHMENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Maurice Cote (Chicoutimi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence.

Is it true that the staff at the Bagotville air base will be increased by 300 airmen for the protection of nuclear warheads to be stored there soon?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am unaware of the fact that the staff is to be increased by so many airmen but, at all events, I shall inquire on that matter and inform my hon. friend.

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ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES

SITE FOR NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temisamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the controversy surrounding the subject, I wonder whether the Prime Minister could bring the house up to date in regard to the latest development in respect of the choice of a site for the national centre for the performing arts?

An hon. Member: Parliament hill.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could make a statement on this tomorrow in answer to my hon. friend. I should like to get the most up to date information.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF GILL REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the