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**ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**

POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF HIGH SPEED U.S. PLANE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence.

Following the announcement made by President Johnson of the United States concerning the existence of a high altitude, high speed fighter, does the minister intend to equip soon Canadian air forces with such an aircraft?

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**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** This was a most fascinating development and one with a possible application in the future which we will be following with great interest.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

CYPRUS—POSSIBLE CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN PEACE KEEPING FORCE

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if he will inform the house concerning the present situation in relation to the formation of a peace keeping force in Cyprus, and what offers, if any, Canada has made in connection with that force.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** The present situation is that members of the security council have before them a general resolution urging the establishment of an international force to keep the peace in Cyprus. The resolution is in general terms, and if it is approved I expect that within the next few days consultations will take place between the secretary general and the countries that might be asked to provide troops for the proposed international force. These consultations have not yet begun, but I will keep the house informed to the extent that circumstances permit.

**Mr. Harkness:** With reference to the latter part of the question, has Canada made any offer of forces or troops for this force?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, with regard to the possible decision of the security council, pursuant to the resolution to which I have just made reference, there has been no offer made by Canada.

RED CHINA—INQUIRY AS TO HOUSE DISCUSSION BEFORE RECOGNITION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. According to last Saturday's edition of the *London Free Press*, the parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs stated in London, Ontario, that the government is at present actively considering the question of extending recognition to the People's Republic of China. Will the Prime Minister give an undertaking to the house that there will be opportunity for a full debate on this matter in the house before a decision is taken.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I can certainly assure the hon. member that both before the committee on external affairs and in this house there will be opportunity to discuss this matter before action is taken.

HAITI—REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING EXPULSION OF CANADIAN JESUITS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Could the minister tell the house whether there have been new discussions with the government of the republic of Haiti concerning the expulsion of Canadian Jesuit fathers from that country?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add to the statement I made in that connection some time ago.

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**FINANCE**

POSSIBLE EFFECT OF INCREASE IN U.K. INTEREST RATE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Does the minister anticipate any repercussions in Canada from the action taken last Thursday by the United Kingdom government in raising the bank interest rate to 5 per cent?

**Hon. Walter L. Gordon (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I thank my hon. friend for giving me notice of this question. As I am sure he knows, the possibility of this move had been a matter of more or less public discussion for some time, and it appears to have been fairly widely anticipated not only in financial markets in the United Kingdom but also in Canada and the United States.