

other retired officer who may have been meant by the Minister. The charge of the Minister amounts almost to a charge of treason, that an officer or officers were trying to gain control over the civilian authority in this land. We had your word this morning, Admiral Landymore, that you never made any such attempt. Do you repeat that statement?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes, sir.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Your record with regard to your allegiance to your country, to the Queen and to the service is the same as it always has been?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes, sir.

Mr. CHURCHILL: You never conspired with anybody to attempt to exercise control over the civil authorities.

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: No, sir.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I hope that the record will clearly show that your name is cleared as at this point, and subsequently I will ask the Minister to effect the final clearance which is essential.

Mr. ANDRAS: Mr. Chairman, would Mr. Churchill permit a supplementary question?

Mr. CHURCHILL: Yes.

Mr. ANDRAS: Admiral Landymore, I have before me an article in the *Montreal Star* of January 19, 1967 written by Peter C. Newman. I take it that he interviewed you at your home.

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes, that is correct.

Mr. ANDRAS: He has in quotation marks here a remark attributed to you and I have no way of judging whether it is accurate. It reads as follows:

'The danger internationally', he says is 'that some politician in Norway, for example, will say to himself, if it is all right for Paul Hellyer to make political gains by challenging the military establishment, maybe it is all right for me, and if this kind of thing happens western defence will eventually be weakened.'

Is that an accurate quotation.

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes.

Mr. ANDRAS: Would it not be reasonably fair for some people to take from that the implication that political people or the civil authorities simply should not question the military professionals on military matters.

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I think not.

Mr. ANDRAS: I beg your pardon.

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: The claim made by the Minister that all countries in the world would follow our example is a claim that is both unreasonable and unlikely. I do not think it is sensible to leave that on the record. I think that the only way it will ever come off the record is to indicate to people in a similar position, who might be influenced to do this to their armed forces, what has happened to our own. In view of the fact that countries with whom we associate are part of our own defence, I would have thought that the statement is a very reasonable one.