

Inquiries of the Ministry

it will be of a nature which, in the opinion of the Canadian government and of other interested powers, will not preclude the conditions which the secretary general himself laid down in the report he circulated to the council about ten days ago.

Mr. Thompson: In view of the fact that the secretary general indicated that he would go ahead even without the approval of the council; and since Cyprus, supported by the Soviet union, has indicated she will not be in agreement, does the secretary of state feel there is reason for the optimism he has expressed?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I think there is reason for the course I have suggested but I cannot, naturally, foresee the exact results of this afternoon's meeting.

[Later:]

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. In view of the proposal to keep United Nations troops in Cyprus for another three months at least, can the minister advise if it is the intention of the government to rotate the Canadian troops there completely; that is, replace the VanDoos, the R.C.D.'s and other supporting troops?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as we have already announced, if the period is extended and if the Canadian contingent remain they will be rotated.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, could I ask a related question. What is the estimated cost of maintaining our forces in Cyprus? An estimate was given last March of \$2,600,000 for the three month period. Does that estimate hold for the succeeding three month period?

Mr. Hellyer: In reply to that question, Mr. Speaker, may I say I believe we gave a monthly figure for maintaining the force there, and I think it would still be valid.

AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF EASTERN FEED GRAIN AGENCY**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, on September 22 last the hon. member for Mégantic (Mr. Langlois) asked the Prime Minister whether the government

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

intended to form an agency to deal with eastern Canada feed grain.

He asked the same question again yesterday while I was in Montreal for the closing of the national week on forestry.

On June 24 the question of feed grain was referred to the standing committee on agriculture and colonization, and we are awaiting the report of this committee before taking a decision in that regard.

[Text]

HOGS—GRADING PRACTICES RELATED TO PREMIUM PAID

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): Mr. Speaker, I have an important question for the Minister of Agriculture but in his absence perhaps the Minister of Forestry might take it as notice. Is there any truth in the criticism expressed at the meeting of the Ontario hog producers marketing board that the premiums paid for grade A hogs depend strictly on the amount of money allocated by the government for such premiums? In other words, if the allocated sum in the fund approaches depletion instructions then go out to the graders to cut down on their grading. Could the minister take some steps to correct this improper grading method?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I will take this question as notice on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**NORAD—RETURN OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister of Canada.

As it is now recognized by his government, and more particularly by the authorities of the Department of National Defence, that agreements concerning the defence of the North American continent will not be renewed on the same basis when they expire in 1967, and considering that nuclear warheads and rockets are mentioned in the agreements, is the Prime Minister in a position to state, since this whole defence program has now become obsolete, whether missiles and nuclear warheads will be returned to their previous owners when the agreement expires?