

*Inquiries of the Ministry***IRRIGATION****SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER—INQUIRY AS TO
PROGRESS OF DISCUSSIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. A. Hardie (Mackenzie River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question either to the Prime Minister or to the Minister of Finance. Has the government now agreed to grant the Saskatchewan government a loan for the hydro power works on the South Saskatchewan river project? If not, what are the chances of the South Saskatchewan river project being started this year?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question of finance and assistance to the province in that direction is receiving consideration. The field of divergence between this government and the government of Saskatchewan is being narrowed, and my hope certainly is that we will be able to achieve a measure of agreement in connection with the question of finance which will enable a start to be made.

AIR TRANSPORT**T.C.A.—APPLICATION FOR FIFTH FREEDOM
RIGHTS IN U.S.**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport of which I have already sent notice. Perhaps the acting minister will take notice of it. Has an application been made for fifth freedom rights on behalf of Trans-Canada Air Lines at United States airports, and is the government contemplating renegotiation of the air agreement between Canada and the United States this year?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): I will take notice of the question, Mr. Speaker, and see that the minister is made aware of it.

HIGHWAYS**KENORA-MINAKI—INCLUSION IN ACCESS ROADS
PROGRAM**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. M. Benidickson (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, of which I gave notice yesterday. Did the province of Ontario apply to have its road project between Kenora and Minaki recognized for a federal contribution under the access roads program to relieve winter unemployment announced by

deal with the question concerning unemployment raised by the hon. member for Essex East yesterday, as recorded at page 900 of *Hansard*. The hon. member referred to the monthly labour force survey made by the dominion bureau of statistics. This survey is made regularly during the week following the middle of each month. It requires one week for enumeration and two to three weeks to process the information obtained. The results are made available in the press release on the employment situation issued jointly by the Department of Labour and the dominion bureau of statistics around the twentieth of the following month. This was the practice, I might add, which was followed by the previous government, and it is being continued.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**NORAD—U.S. LAW RESPECTING COMMAND
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if he would care to comment on a report from Washington which appears in the press today to the effect that United States law specifically forbids any foreigner, which includes a Canadian, to command American nuclear weapons; and that as virtually all United States squadrons are armed with nuclear-tip air to air missiles Air Marshal Slemon, deputy commander of NORAD, could exercise no authority or control over United States aircraft under that command.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest that as the question appears to relate to a matter that is now under debate it could perhaps be more properly dealt with in the course of that debate.

HEALTH INSURANCE**NEWFOUNDLAND—REQUEST FOR TABLING
OF AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. W. Carter (Burin-Burgeo): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Would the minister consider tabling at an early date a copy of the agreement recently signed with the province of Newfoundland under the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act?

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker.