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• (3.00 p.m.)

NATIONAL SECURITY

POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPEARING BEFORE CITIZENS' INQUIRY INTO USE OF WAR MEASURES ACT

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. Will the government permit its officials to appear before the citizens' commission of inquiry into the recent use of the War Measures Act in Quebec?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe in parallel courts any more than in parallel governments.

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[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

SURVEILLANCE OF ATLANTIC COAST—STATIONING OF TRACKER AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL VESSELS AT ARGENTIA

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the white paper recommendation for increased surveillance along the Canadian coastlines, is it the government's intention to station Tracker aircraft and naval vessels at the Argentia naval base in Newfoundland?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Not at the present time, Mr. Speaker. The Tracker aircraft squadron will be kept in operation, as the hon. member knows, at Shearwater. It can be understood that, as they have been this summer, they will be operating on occasion out of Goose Bay. We have no immediate intention to operate from Argentia.

LONG-TERM PLANS FOR SURVEILLANCE OFF EAST COAST

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister in a position to tell the House what long-term plans he is prepared to implement, following the white paper, to provide greater and more continuous air and surface surveillance to enforce our sovereignty off the east coast and protect our own nationals?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to expand on that at some time but not at present.

Inquiries of the Ministry

VETERANS AFFAIRS

REQUEST THAT WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS RECEIVE FULL BENEFIT OF INCREASE IN PENSION AND SUPPLEMENT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Will the government take the necessary steps so that war veterans allowance recipients who are in receipt of the guaranteed income supplement will not have their allowances cut back but will get the full benefit of the increase of \$2.70 a month in the pension and supplement which, as has been announced, is to come into effect in January?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this matter is being looked into at the present time. I wish to assure the hon. member that the usual sympathetic disposition will be taken.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have run out of time. Perhaps the hon. member would allow the Chair to recognize the hon. member for Lisgar who has been trying for some time to ask a question.

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GRAIN

FEED GRAINS—REQUEST FOR FREE INTERPROVINCIAL MOVEMENT

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. In view of what now appears to be a very large crop of feed grains, especially barley, this year in western Canada, is the government giving any consideration to letting feed grains move freely on an interprovincial basis from province to province?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the main role of the Canadian Wheat Board is based upon the control of grain as it passes across provincial boundaries. There certainly is no thought of destroying the Canadian Wheat Board by removing this role at this time.

BARLEY—POSSIBLE RELIEF FROM EFFECT OF UNITED STATES IMPORT SURTAX

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the surcharge imposed by the United States against Canadian barley will have the effect of reducing the price to the producer, may I ask the minister if the government has any plans to relieve the producer of this loss by stepping in and taking care of the surcharge?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Agriculture indicated the other day in the House that in the case of agricultural products these will be looked at on a commodity by commodity basis and that appropriate steps will be taken so far as possible to assure the protection of agricultural