

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Does his statement that the wheat problem should be made the subject of a supply motion indicate that he lacks confidence in the government's policy?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

DEVELOPMENT OF MISSILE CONTROL SYSTEM

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Has the air to air missile known as the Sparrow which was to have been used on the CF-105 aircraft now been chosen as the air defence armament for the four new destroyer escorts which it was announced some two years ago were to be built?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I do not think this particular missile was adopted. The story to which my hon. friend is referring pertains to a firing system which must be developed in Canada in order that a Dutch control system for an American missile may be used. We are trying to develop the firing system in Canada and the appropriation of \$7 million was for that purpose.

Mr. Heber E. Smith (Simcoe North): I have a supplementary question for the minister. Would he tell us whether the American missile he referred to is a modification of the Sparrow?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think this question is in order at this time.

POSSIBILITY OF JOINING SOUTH AMERICAN
NUCLEAR-FREE TREATY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that the Latin American nuclear-free zone treaty would ban nuclear weapons from two thirds of the western hemisphere, and in view of the fact that the NORAD agreement is up for renegotiation at this time, has the government considered the possibility of joining the South and Central American nuclear-free zone as a positive step toward nuclear disarmament?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the question is much too general in scope and should not be asked at this time.

[Mr. Winters.]

[Translation]

EXPO '67POSSIBLE REQUEST BY QUEBEC
FOR USE OF SITE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Georges C. Lachance (Lafontaine): Mr. Speaker, is the Minister for Trade and Commerce in a position to tell us whether the Quebec government has made any suggestion or request as to the artistic, educational or scientific use of the Expo site?

[English]

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, our co-operation in this field with the government of Quebec has been very close. I think they feel motivated, as we do, by the fact that we signed the protocol providing for the winding up of Expo, and any initiative in that regard would be apt to come from the city of Montreal.

HOUSINGREQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION
BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Keays (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour, whom I welcome back to this house and who I hope enjoys good health. Now that the provincial elections are behind us and the minister may find it possible to convene the premiers some time in January to discuss the housing crisis in Canada, would he consider reconvening the committee on housing, urban development and public works in order that we may hear professional evidence from the housing associations as well as the financial institutions, thus gathering information which could be useful at the meeting in January which the minister proposes?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, first I want to thank the hon. member for his words of welcome. I am enjoying good health, thank you, benefited, in my opinion, by my absence from the house for the past ten days or so.

With reference to the suggestion put forward by the hon. member, may I say that the work of a committee of this house is the responsibility of the chairman and his committee. I will be very glad to discuss the suggestion made by the hon. member with the chairman, after discussing it with the Prime Minister and my other cabinet colleagues and learning their views.