

Abandonment of Defence Projects

followed the riot of June 16, 1962, were members of the so called "goon squads" which operated inside the institution prior to the appointment of Mr. LeCorre as warden and which were referred to on several occasions in the course of the investigation into the riot carried out under the chairmanship of the director of inmate training, Mr. J. C. A. LaFerrière, last summer."

Warden LeCorre has not allowed excessive use of force in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

This most unfortunate incident emphasizes the need for a proper staff training program in the penitentiary service. I am pleased to announce that, on October 8, 23 young recruits for the penitentiary service in the Quebec region commenced eight weeks formal training at the Quebec penitentiary staff college prior to commencing work inside the institutions. This period of training for all newly joined custodial officers will, as soon as possible, be increased to three months.

The new staff training program, which will be country-wide by April next year, should do much to preclude incidents similar to this one at St. Vincent de Paul, which, in themselves, are the result of staff not trained properly to perform their duties.

SUGAR**STEPS TO ENCOURAGE CANADIAN SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. H. A. Thomas (Middlesex West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the present tight world sugar supply, is the government willing to consider additional encouragement and stabilization of the sugar beet industry in Canada with a view to expanding our domestic supply of sugar?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): This question involves, of course, an important consideration of government policy with which I could not deal on orders of the day. If my hon. friend will put this question on the order paper I will do my best to get him a comprehensive reply.

AGRICULTURE**PROVISION OF FEED GRAIN FOR EASTERN FARMERS**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio, who is the future minister of agriculture for eastern

Canada, and it looks as if he is going to remain a "future minister" for a long time.

Could the minister tell us if he supports the request made by 55,000 eastern farmers for a federal agency to look after the transportation, storage, pricing, control and purchasing of feed grain for eastern Quebec or eastern Canada?

Hon. Rene Tremblay (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the brief submitted by the Catholic farmers' union of the province of Quebec is now being studied by the Department of Agriculture and a new policy will be announced by the Minister of Agriculture in the near future.

[*Text*]

SUPPLY

The house resumed, from Monday, October 28, consideration of the motion of Mr. Gordon for committee of supply, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Churchill and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Caouette.

ABANDONMENT OF DEFENCE PROJECTS AND INSTALLATIONS

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, the right hon. Prime Minister of Canada stated, on October 9, speaking precisely on the storing of nuclear arms in Canada, in answer to the present Leader of the Opposition:

If the right hon. gentleman—

And at that time, the Prime Minister was referring to the present Leader of the Opposition—

—will raise this question on the supply motion next Monday, we can go into the record.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this question of nuclear arms is raised on a motion that the house go into committee of supply. Therefore, we hope that the Prime Minister will take this opportunity to go into the record regarding the storing of nuclear arms on Canadian soil and that he will clear up the matter. It is not the only time that such a promise has been made.

On May 23, 1963, the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafleche (Mr. Chretien)—and I quote from the official report for May 23, at page 187—said:

I believe that problem is important, and the Prime Minister undertook to give us an opportunity for a full debate, not only an afternoon sitting.

Well, Mr. Speaker, we have today the opportunity to discuss that problem. I see that the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafleche nods assent to what he said then, but I find that, at page 187, right hand column, he also stated: