

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Deschatelets: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Was the subject of the Bomarc brought up during those discussions?

Mr. Sevigny: No, Mr. Speaker.

(Text):

BOMARC MISSILE—INQUIRY AS TO SUCCESSFUL TESTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence, since the hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Hellyer) did not seem to be anxious to ask it. Can the minister confirm reports of successful tests of the Bomarc A yesterday?

Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence): Yes, two highly successful tests were carried out with Bomarc A missiles in the United States.

POWER

NEWFOUNDLAND—USE OF RUSSIAN TECHNICIANS TO EXAMINE HAMILTON FALLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Would he care to comment on the announcement by Premier Smallwood that Soviet technicians may be called in to examine the power potential of Hamilton falls? Can the hon. gentleman say whether any consultation has taken place between the federal government and Premier Smallwood?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I should like to know under what category the hon. member asks that question and under what administrative responsibility he places the matter in asking the Acting Prime Minister to comment on the utterance of the premier of a province.

Mr. Argue: Perhaps I could ask my question in another way. Has there been any consultation between the government of Newfoundland and the federal government as to the possibility and desirability of bringing in Soviet technicians to inquire into the possibility of the development of Hamilton falls?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I learned of this question myself for the first time this morning through the radio and press reports. The hon. member will realize that Premier Smallwood is reported as having made this speech at a luncheon yesterday and then having hurried to his office, banged the door and apparently taken the telephone receiver off the hook.

[Mr. Sevigny.]

Mr. Argue: Did the minister try to phone him?

Mr. Green: I do not know how I could get any information from him, but I do suggest to the hon. member that the most effective way to get this information would be to ask the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate (Mr. Pickersgill). I believe he has a walkie-talkie connection with the premier.

Mr. Speakman: He is a spiritualist.

Mr. Green: I think the communication system is used by him for listening, so probably the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate would have that information. That is the only practical suggestion I could make to the hon. member for Assiniboia as a way of getting an answer to this question.

Mr. Speaker: I hope the hon. member will not take seriously the suggestion of the Acting Prime Minister, because he would be out of order.

HOUSING

C.M.H.C.—REPORTED REVERSAL OF LENDING POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Public Works I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister based on a news item in today's *Globe and Mail* under the headline:

Prime Lending Role Accepted by C.M.H.C. In Reversal of Policy.

The article reads in part:

R. G. Lillie, chairman of the Toronto branch of the government housing agency, yesterday confirmed the change in policy, under which C.M.H.C. is no longer prevented from acting as a prime lender.

In view of this apparent reversal of policy in the Toronto area I wonder whether the government is contemplating extending this privilege to other areas of Canada.

Hon. Howard C. Green (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to bring this question to the attention of the Minister of Public Works.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF SAFETY PATROL REPRESENTATIVES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. O. W. Weichel (Waterloo North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister the answer to which I have provided him. Does he know that the Ontario motor league safety patrol jamboree is being held in Ottawa on May 13 and 14