Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Gordon: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I could give a short, sharp answer to a question of this kind, but I would be glad to do so at the first available opportunity.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

VANCOUVER—POSSIBLE USE OF FORMER R.C.A.F. BASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ron Basford (Vancouver-Burrard): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. This morning the Prime Minister and some of his colleagues met with the mayor, aldermen and park commissioners of the city of Vancouver to discuss proposals for the redevelopment of downtown Vancouver and the disposition of the R.C.A.F. air base at Kitsilano. I am wondering whether the Prime Minister is able to report what progress was made and whether any decision was arrived at.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the discussions were very friendly and very helpful, and they are continuing this afternoon.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Has there been any decision on the part of the government not to give part of the Kitsilano air base to the C.B.C.? The Prime Minister will recall that the head of the C.B.C. when he was in Vancouver in June said "We are going to get this", and I am now wondering whether there has been any change in that situation.

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I am sure the right hon. gentleman would not expect me to answer that question while the discussions are taking place.

EXTENSION OF FM BROADCASTING TO QUEBEC CITY

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Guy Marcoux (Quebec-Montmorency): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

In view of the fact that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has just announced its frequency modulation programs for the fall, could the minister inform us as to whether the corporation intends to extend these programs to the city of Quebec?

[Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands).]

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the programs announced recently only concern the cities of Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Ottawa.

I shall ask the C.B.C. about its intentions regarding the city of Quebec.

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HOUSING

VANCOUVER—POSSIBLE EVICTIONS FROM VETERANS HOUSING PROJECT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): I should like to ask a question of the Postmaster General. Being responsible for C.M.-H.C., is the minister aware that certain of the members of the Fraserview veterans tenants and home owners association have today received letters from the local office of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation advising that tenants may remain if they send in a signed acceptance of the increased rents and pay the current rent to October 1; and can the minister say whether those who do not do so will be forcibly evicted?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I think that is a question for the order paper.

An hon. Member: That is effective October 1.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. That is not a matter for the order paper. In spite of the fact that the Minister of Labour thought September had 31 days, today is the second last day of this month and this is a matter of great urgency to these people. There is only 24 hours in which they can possibly have an answer. I submit the government has played around with this question long enough and that these people have the right to know now what the answer is.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, the government has not played around with this matter for a long time. The government has made a decision.

Mr. Diefenbaker: What is it?

Mr. Nicholson: The time limit does not expire until midnight tomorrow night, and already out of a total of 600 over 500 of the tenants have acquiesced in this decision. There is still time for some of the others to reach a conclusion, and no decision can very well be taken, as the right hon. gentleman should know, until that time expires.