

Following the termination of the criminal proceedings it was decided to recover, if possible, from Cardinal Engineering and Machinery Company Limited certain sums of money that were felt to be in excess of the fair and reasonable cost of performing the contracts, and on January 6, 1967, the Minister of Industry made an order for this purpose under section 21 of the Defence Production Act. By virtue of that order, Cardinal Engineering and Machinery Company Limited was directed to pay to the Receiver General the sum of \$111,643.66.

On February 8, 1967, Cardinal Engineering and Machinery Company Limited gave notice of its intention to appeal that order and the direction of the Minister of Industry to the Exchequer Court of Canada. The matter is now pending before that court. The testimony of Erhardt Junkers in Germany will have to be scrutinized, as it is now being scrutinized, in order to see whether it contains any facts that might have a bearing on the legal proceedings now pending or that may influence the government of Canada to reinstitute proceedings in this country.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary question. I appreciate the minister's frankness in this matter, but as soon as he receives that information from the German legal officer in that particular area, would he be prepared to make a further disclosure to the House of Commons as to what will be the situation so far as the Department of Justice is concerned?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I will certainly be prepared to do that, perhaps when my colleague, the Minister of Defence Production, returns to the house. We will certainly keep the house informed of any new facts in the situation.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice. Can the minister elaborate and say whether the proceedings in Montreal were terminated by the Crown not calling further evidence, resulting in the dismissal of the charges, or were the proceedings simply adjourned and no further evidence called?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** The hon. member is an authority on current proceedings—

**Mr. Nielsen:** I have to be.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I have said that Crown counsel found that the case could not successfully be proceeded with because of shortage of evidence for the reasons I have outlined to the house.

**Mr. Nielsen:** The minister did not understand my supplementary question, I am sure. Was it simply by way of a stay of proceedings which would permit the Crown to reinstitute proceedings, or is this precluded now by reason of the fact that the case was dismissed?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I will have to look into the matter a little more closely.

#### DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

##### POSSIBLE INCREASE IN OLD AGE SECURITY BENEFITS

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of last week's federal-provincial conference of welfare ministers and in view of various speeches, statements and press releases that the minister has been issuing, will he at an early date make a statement to the house as to the government's intentions regarding pensions, allowances, the guaranteed annual income, and so on? Can he also state at an early date whether it is the government's intention this year to increase the basic amount of the old age security pension?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, as has been indicated several times by the Prime Minister, by the Minister of Finance and by myself in the house, this whole matter is at present under review by the government. When that review will be completed and what firm conclusions we will reach at that time will be announced to the house in the normal course, but it is going on now and it is difficult to say just how soon it will be completed.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does that review include a study of the possibility of increasing the basic amount of the old age security pension?

**Mr. Munro:** It is a factor which will be included in the review.