

Inquiries of the Ministry

flight of the service aircraft transporting military cadets from Winnipeg through intermediary points to Vernon, British Columbia and return?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McIntosh: May I ask a supplementary question. In view of the fact the minister is taking the last question as notice, would he inquire into whether there are sufficient qualified service personnel to service and maintain DC-6 aircraft presently used by the R.C.A.F. in a manner conducive to highest standards of air safety?

Mr. Hellyer: I do not believe we have any DC-6 aircraft.

Mr. McIntosh: They are used to transport troops.

Mr. Hellyer: The Yukon is not a DC-6; it is a modified version of a British aircraft.

Mr. McIntosh: The aircraft used presently by the R.C.A.F. to transport personnel.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**CONSIDERATION OF WAGE AND PRICE GUIDE LINES AT FORTHCOMING MEETING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): My question is based on a reply the Minister of Finance gave yesterday to the right hon. Leader of the Opposition, when the minister stated that the federal government has no intention of proposing a set of wage and price controls at the forthcoming meeting of the provinces. I should like to ask the minister if the federal government is considering proposing a set of wage and price guide lines at that meeting?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): When, as I hope will happen soon, an opportunity occurs to debate the general economic situation and inflationary pressure which now exists, I hope I shall have an opportunity of expressing a view on this matter.

Mr. Graffey: I simply ask the minister, apart from the forthcoming debate, if at the present time the government is considering a set of wage and price guide lines.

Mr. Sharp: This subject has, of course, been under consideration by the government over quite some period. It has been referred

[Mr. McIntosh.]

also to the Economic Council of Canada, and the fact that there has been such a long delay in that report being presented is perhaps the best indication of the very serious difficulties involved in applying the principles of guide lines in Canada.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Finance. He is apparently looking into numerous solutions to the inflation problem. Has he thought or is he thinking about applying the same methods used by the labour government in England to check inflation in that country?

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order. That question is not in order.

Mr. Sharp: I hope we do not have to deal with such a situation in this country.

FINANCE**REQUEST FOR LOW COST LOAN FOR B.C. BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I desire to direct a question to the Minister of Finance of which he has knowledge; and with your permission, sir, I am advised he is prepared to answer at this time. If a request is made, will the province of British Columbia be granted a long term federal loan at the government borrowing interest rate and the provision for delayed repayment, for the construction of a bridge and approaches across Vancouver harbour, under provisions similar to those granted by the federal government for the construction of a bridge and approaches at Saint John, New Brunswick?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Although the minister may have expressed his willingness to answer the question, it is purely hypothetical and is not in order.

INQUIRY AS TO TAXATION COMMISSION REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack Irvine (London): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In light of the fact that a federal-provincial conference has been called for September 14, has the Prime Minister received the report of the Carter commission in either official language?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, it has not been received yet, Mr. Speaker,