

Defence is aware that this has already been announced, certainly at least in the University of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I am not surprised that there might have been some discussions at some places across the country, but to my knowledge no public announcement has been made. I will certainly check, and see that an announcement is made as soon as possible.

**Mr. Fulton:** As a further supplementary question, would the minister not think it appropriate—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**An hon. Member:** You are not in your proper seat.

[Later:]

**Mr. Hellyer:** May I correct an answer I gave earlier with respect to the university reserve training program. The press release did go out yesterday indicating that the program was being discontinued at the end of next year. About 1,000 students are affected, but they will complete the training for which they are enrolled. In addition the department plans to work out in co-operation with the Canadian universities the subsidization of chairs of strategic studies at several universities across the country. We feel that in this way we shall be able to make a contribution to the study of areas related to defence policy which will considerably benefit the academic world as well as the Canadian people in their discussion of defence matters.

**Mr. Irvine:** A supplementary question to the minister with regard to the university training arrangements. Will an award for the first year of enrolment be forwarded to the universities concerned to cover the current year?

**Mr. Hellyer:** There will be no enrolment this year but current students will be carried through to the end of their course at the end of the present academic season.

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North):** Having in mind the long period during which this officer training plan has been in effect in the universities and the great contribution it has made to the provision of officers for our forces, can the minister tell us why it is being abolished?

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is not in order.

**Mr. Brand:** I should like to ask the Acting Minister of National Defence whether, in

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view of the fact that the C.O.T.C. and the R.O.T.P. are being discontinued while the U.N.T.D. is not—certainly not in Saskatoon—a statement will be made in the near future to clarify the whole matter.

**Mr. Hellyer:** I think the hon. member will find that all the plans are being discontinued, if not at the same time then by the end of next year. Officer candidates will then, in some areas, be trained in the local reserve units.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Nonsense.

**Mr. Hellyer:** These will be the source of trained officers for the militia and reserve units. It was felt that the original purposes of these plans were no longer being served at the present time and that the resources involved could be more effectively spent in other ways.

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##### IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF RECENT CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Now that the government has had many months to study the recommendations of the conference on highway and automobile deaths and injuries, convened by the Minister of Industry some months ago, I would ask him if it is the intention of the government to implement any of its recommendations in the near future.

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I expect that an announcement will be made by the government within a very few days.

**Mr. Graffey:** If I may ask a supplementary question on that very subject, now that the United States federal government has enforced safety standards for motor vehicles is it the intention of the Canadian government to publish and enforce Canadian specifications and regulations in this regard?

**Mr. Hellyer:** Mr. Speaker, I should hope we would be able to deal with that point in the announcement when it is made.