

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. McIlraith:** Then I will put my question in this way. Why will the Prime Minister and the leader of this house not honour the commitment he gave—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member's question is an argumentative one and does not seem to me to be appropriate either to the business of the house or to orders of the day.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Then, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Prime Minister whether it is his intention to carry out the commitment he gave to the house on February 13, 1959, as reported on page 990 of *Hansard* and repeated on February 25, 1960, as reported on page 1435 of *Hansard*.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, my commitments are carried out. The statement which I made then I do not alter in any way, except that I remember how much I was criticized for having made it. What I meant to convey, and still do, was that if at any time there is brought to my attention any unfairness in so far as a meeting of a committee is concerned which denies to hon. members of this house their full opportunity to be in this house, I shall, without in any way interfering, which I have no right to do, certainly bring to the attention of the committee concerned the fact that injustice should not be allowed. There has not been any injustice to anyone as far as I am informed.

**Mr. McIlraith:** In the light of the Prime Minister's answer to my earlier question, will he now arrange to have it made possible for hon. members of this house to be present for the debate on the amendment of the constitution today?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, again I say that I have no power to do that. If there has been any injustice to anyone by reason of meetings of committees taking place and denying hon. members the opportunity to be in the house to participate in those matters which concern them, I am sure the committees will assure and maintain the right of members to that opportunity.

**ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE****TRAINING PAMPHLET NO. 76—INQUIRY AS TO UNITED STATES INFLUENCE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** I wish to address a question to the major general, the Minister of National Defence. In view of the article in this morning's *Globe and Mail* entitled "Begone Drab Nights, R.C.A.F. Issues 118-Page Guide to Fun and Games", which deals with Royal Canadian

Air Force pamphlet No. 76 and such games as blindfolded handshakers, barnyard din, the hot-rod race, etc., and in view of the recent publication of a similar pamphlet by the United States armed forces, would the minister inform the house whether the issuance of this pamphlet indicates the increasing influence of the United States air force over the training, procedures and practices of the Royal Canadian Air Force?

**Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence):** The answer, Mr. Speaker, is a firm and emphatic denial. There is no increasing influence over the Royal Canadian Air Force by the United States air force. It might interest the hon. gentleman to know that this pamphlet was published in 1958. It is practically a rewording of a similar booklet which was published by the director of physical education and recreation of the Manitoba department of health and welfare. If the United States air force has recently issued a publication, as suggested by the hon. member, based on this pamphlet, then we are very pleased to co-operate with the United States air force.

**Mr. Herridge:** May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the minister's concluding remarks, in which he said that the United States armed forces have recently published a pamphlet similar to ours, would the minister table pamphlet No. 76 in order that we may see whether it contains similar instructions on how to serve drinks and how to wash the dog?

**PUBLIC SERVICE****POSTAL EMPLOYEES—REPORTED DISSATISFACTION WITH RECENT SALARY INCREASES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Azellus Denis (St. Denis):** May I ask a question of the Postmaster General. Is the Postmaster General aware that the Canadian postal employees association, representing 10,000 postal workers, is totally dissatisfied with the latest salary adjustments, according to reports in yesterday's newspaper? If so, does he intend satisfying these workers as he promised to do when he was a little, teeny-weeny member of parliament?

**Hon. W. M. Hamilton (Postmaster General):** The newspaper clipping from which the hon. member got his information, a copy of which he sent to me just a moment ago, indicates that this information is drawn from a letter written by this association to the Prime Minister. My job is to deliver the Prime Minister's mail, not to read it.