

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Northwest Territories and when he expects to make this report public?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I believe I am correct in saying that it is the intention of Dean Carrothers to present me with a copy of this report tomorrow morning. I would hesitate to table such a report in this house until it was available in both languages. Inquiries have been made as to the possibility of obtaining a French translation at an early date. If that should be unduly delayed, I will give an explanation to the house.

**DEFENCE PRODUCTION****PRODUCTION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR U.S. USE IN VIET NAM**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Defence Production. Can he inform the house as to the accuracy of the statement that his department has authorized Canadian companies to enter into contracts to supply bombs and military components for use by the United States in Viet Nam?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):** Mr. Speaker, I think the answer to the question as it is phrased is no.

**Mr. Winch:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are Canadian companies producing supplies under contract for the United States for use in Viet Nam?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, some Canadian companies are producing military equipment for the United States which goes into what is known as United States inventory. What becomes of that equipment once it enters that inventory is beyond the control of the Canadian government.

**Mr. Winch:** I have a further supplementary question. In view of the reply just given, are bombs being produced in Canada which go into United States inventory?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, when a somewhat similar question was asked before the adjournment it was pointed out that Canadian companies were not manufacturing bombs for the United States government.

**UNITED NATIONS****CANADIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ADMISSION OF MAINLAND CHINA**

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to

ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he will clarify the rather conflicting statements that have been ascribed to him and others in connection with the seating of communist China at the United Nations? Does the Canadian government intend to vote for the seating of communist China during the coming session of the United Nations?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know the basis for the first part of my hon. friend's question. Having regard to the second part, as my right hon. friend knows, that question has already been asked and answered. The government's policy will be announced in due course.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, that answer is about as satisfying as any answer one can get from the minister. Has the government not yet determined what course it will follow in this matter or is parliament to find itself faced with a decision made in New York that has not been brought in advance before the House of Commons?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, my right hon. friend knows that his question is not really a proper one in view of the answer I made.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Why not?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I just told my right hon. friend that the government will announce its policy in due course and he must accept that. I do not believe he can see any change in the procedure we are following from the procedure he followed. I asked him this question on three or four occasions when he was the prime minister and his replies were in precisely the same practical words.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, there is nothing more flattering than imitation and I commend the minister for it; but I say to him that his statement is not borne out by the facts.

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal):** Mr. Speaker, did the minister note the very sensible and realistic statement made recently by Mr. Chester Ronning, who has been described by the minister as a responsible public servant, to the effect that there should be an exchange of ambassadors between Ottawa and Peking and that the People's Republic of China should now be seated at the United Nations?