

*Inquiries of the Ministry***NATIONAL DEFENCE****PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PLANE**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Is the minister now in a position to inform the house whether the government has taken a decision with regard to joining the European fighter aircraft consortium. If so, what is that decision?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, yes, we have reached a decision. As a matter of fact we are instructing our officials today to inform the European consortium on the multi-role aircraft that Canada will not participate in this project. With the current budgetary restraints and the high risk factor of this venture we have concluded that it would be inadvisable for Canada to participate.

**Mr. Harkness:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does this mean that a decision has been taken in respect to the long term and that Canada will withdraw from this type of fighter aircraft project completely?

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know why the hon. member is always referring to fighter aircraft. We refer to it as a multi-role aircraft, so it is fighter, bomber and support aircraft.

**Mr. Harkness:** Might I ask the minister—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I bring to the attention of the hon. member that he has asked one supplementary and that we are running short of time. The Leader of the Opposition is very anxious to ask a question.

**Mr. Harkness:** On a point of order if I may, Mr. Speaker, I do not think the minister answered the question. He merely referred to the type of aircraft. I am wondering whether he would now answer the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The Leader of the Opposition.

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****INQUIRY AS TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC PROVINCES**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, on Monday last I

Since the appeal date has not commenced to run, I must forgo expressing an opinion.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** May I ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development with regard to the same subject. I should like to ask the minister whether any application has been made to his department, since Indian reserve lands are involved, for his department to participate in financing an appeal.

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether such a request was made by the people concerned, but I can assure the member that I shall look into the matter and give him an answer within a few days.

[*English*]

**TRADE****GRAIN—REPORT OF SCIENTISTS RESPECTING EXPORTS TO JAPAN**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. Will the minister inform the house of the results achieved by the commission of two senior scientists sent to Japan by the board of grain commissioners concerning the export and processing of Canadian grains?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** I do not have a report from this commission, Mr. Speaker, but I have requested one. I will take the question as notice and give a reply to my friend as soon as I receive the report.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****BRITISH COLUMBIA—PROPOSED TRAINING CENTRE FOR RETARDED YOUNG PEOPLE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has any final decision been taken to make available all or part of the former Smithers experimental farm in British Columbia for use as a retarded young people's training centre?

**Mr. Speaker:** I believe the question could be placed on the order paper. If there is urgency, which is not readily apparent, the matter could be discussed at the time of adjournment.