

Inquiries of the Ministry

the Prime Minister. Would he tell the house whether the atmosphere of misunderstanding and distrust which actually prevails between the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources of the federal government (Mr. Laing) and the minister of natural resources of the province of Quebec, Mr. René Lévesque, is the new tactic used by the government to promote smooth relations between both governments?

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IMMIGRATION**HAROLD NURSE—STATEMENT ON DETENTION
AWAITING DEPORTATION**

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. René Tremblay (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, on June 1 the right hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker) asked for information concerning the immigration case of Mr. Harold Nurse. The delays required to carry out the deportation of Mr. Nurse, who had entered Canada illegally, were brought about by representations made in his behalf to prevent his deportation and by procedures taken before the provincial jurisdiction courts by Mr. Nurse himself.

Mr. Harold Nurse, aged 31, married, is a citizen of Trinidad by birth. In 1954 he went to the United States and tried to enter Canada at Windsor, Ontario, on July 31, 1956. His deportation was ordered because he could not meet the immigration requirements in force. Mr. Nurse stated that he entered Canada illegally a few days later and has lived in this country ever since.

In August 1959 he married a Canadian and they have a five year old child. The couple have been separated for about two years and a half and Mrs. Nurse has the custody of the child. Mr. Nurse did not provide for his wife and child, and I understand that Mrs. Nurse initiated divorce proceedings on March 25, 1964. The authorities of my department ordered Mr. Nurse, in Toronto, on March 4 last, to leave the country and, in the meantime, Mr. Nurse was placed in custody. His appeal against that deportation order was dismissed by the immigration appeal board on March 20 last.

Before arrangements for his departure from Canada could be completed, representations were received in his favour on April 2 from the high commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago and from his lawyers. Other representations were received on April 6 and April 27.

[Mr. Ricard.]

I revised and studied those representations and confirmed the decision to deport Mr. Nurse, on May 5 last. In the meantime his wife signed an affidavit confirming that she did not intend to live with him in future, and she stated that she had no objection to the deportation of her husband from Canada.

On May 8 last officers of my department endeavoured to proceed with the deportation of Mr. Nurse, but his lawyers applied to the provincial jurisdiction court for a brief of habeas corpus together with a brief of certiorari. That request was rejected by the supreme court of Ontario on May 26 last.

On May 29 Mr. Nurse's lawyers advised my officials that they intended to take further action before the provincial jurisdiction courts and that very long proceedings might follow. Following those representations, the arrangements for the deportation of Mr. Nurse were cancelled accordingly and he was freed on bail.

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Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for the details. The man was taken into custody early in March and was held in custody until he was freed the other day. On what date was he freed?

Mr. Tremblay: May 29.

Mr. Diefenbaker: And how many days was he in jail before he was freed?

An hon. Member: Sixty days.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Sixty days of inaction.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNITED STATES
MILITARY EXERCISE**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I would like to know my standing with you. Am I to be recognized in this house or not? I would point out to you, sir, that you recognized three people from the groups in the far corner, and I have been on my feet half a dozen times. I recognize that the Speaker has the privilege of recognizing or not recognizing members, but I do not want to be put to the trouble of getting up and down if I am not to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker: I recognize, of course, that the hon. member, who is a very old and experienced hon. member here, is the house leader for the party with which he is associ-