

Minister of Justice. In view of the fact that *Time* magazine was granted concessions because the Liberal government was scared of them, is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to investigate charges made in a recent *Time* edition regarding two members of parliament?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Annapolis Valley.

**Mr. MacInnis:** With all due respect, sir, I think the Minister of Justice should consider the statement in *Time* magazine and the statement made by a former minister in order to clear this matter, because other members of this house—

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

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### NATO—ROLE OF CANADIAN MARITIME COMMAND

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence in respect to his earlier answer concerning maritime command. In view of the decision the government has made about the role of maritime command, is the minister advising our allies of a change in that role in the meeting to be held next week?

**Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** No, Mr. Speaker, not as far as NATO is concerned.

### HOUSING

#### POSSIBILITY OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** I wish to reply to two questions posed the other day in my absence. The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands asked a question with regard to the intentions of the government to seek additional appropriations for housing in addition to those now outlined in the estimates. There are two sources for C.M.H.C. loans and advances. One is the estimates which have been approved in the amount of \$114 million. The other is statutory votes. These two comprise the capital budget which is approved by order in council and tabled in the house. That amount this year will be \$680 million. Over and above that there is \$49 million provided in the estimates for grants and subsidies. There is no additional increase contemplated at this time.

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### Inquiries of the Ministry

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Do I understand the minister to say that, despite the fact the ceilings are to be raised under the bill which he is going to introduce Monday, there has been no increase in the financial allotments over and above what has already been provided in the figures given to the house?

**Mr. Andras:** If the bill is approved, Mr. Speaker, the financial allotment increase will permit the capital budget expenditures to be dealt with over the next three or four years. This is to give us room to move over the next three or four years. Of the present insuring limit of \$11 billion, for instance, a commitment of \$9½ billion has already been made. An increase to \$15 billion will give us that leeway.

#### THOMPSON, MAN.—AVAILABILITY OF MORTGAGE MONEY

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** A question was asked by the hon. member for Churchill, with regard to housing accommodation in Thompson, Manitoba. There are two projects in Thompson. One is a limited dividend project of row houses. That has now been approved by C.M.H.C. and I will be recommending an order in council. The other is a high rise project which will be financed privately. Negotiations for this are now under way.

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the minister's announcement concerning high rise apartment applications in Thompson, Manitoba, does this mean that present applications to C.M.H.C. for high rise apartments and more mortgage needs will now be approved?

**Mr. Andras:** It means the limited dividend project which has been submitted has been approved by C.M.H.C. The high rise proposal, which is private, is now being looked at and negotiations are under way.

### SHIPPING

#### REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MERCHANT FLEET STUDY

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport which he may wish to take as notice. Can the minister advise the house of the current position and what progress is being made in the