

Inquiries of the Ministry

from the NATO council in respect of peace keeping operations on the Island of Cyprus. I should like to ask the Minister whether this means that Canada will be partially relieved of her disproportionately high contribution to this peace keeping operation.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to comment on that suggestion. I am sure the Secretary of State for External Affairs has made a very important contribution to the Council of Ministers and that he has assisted in the reconciliation of views in respect of the Island of Cyprus. I will have to await his return and discussions with him before I will have any information in respect of the question asked by my hon. friend.

Mr. Olson: I have a supplementary question. When is the Secretary of State for External Affairs expected to be back in the House?

Mr. Hellyer: I think he is due back tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, but I am not certain of that.

SENNETERRE, QUE—CONTINUANCE OF
RADAR BASE OPERATION

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence.

Could the minister tell us whether there is any foundation to the rumour that the radar station in Senneterre is to be closed?

[Text]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I did not catch the question but I presume it was whether the rumour is correct that the radar station will be closed. If that was the question the answer is no, not to my knowledge; there are no plans in that direction.

EFFECT OF STRIKE AT CANADAIR PLANT,
MONTREAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence arising out of the strike situation at the Canadair plant at Montreal, which I understand has now extended over some five weeks. I should like to ask the Minister if this strike situation has affected the production of aircraft or aircraft parts for our defence forces. If so, what action has the

[Mr. Olson.]

Government taken or does it contemplate taking to bring about a satisfactory conclusion to this unsatisfactory situation?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): It has, of course, had some effect on Government contracts, but not those of a critical nature. Consequently there has been no necessity for the Government to intervene.

Mr. Barnett: May I ask a supplementary question. Can the Minister give the House some indication as to how long it will be before the effect is of a critical nature, if this unhappy strike situation continues?

Mr. Hellyer: Well, I think it could go on for some time without affecting our Department of National Defence, Mr. Speaker. I think the area of concern is the effect it might have on export business if the strike were to last for any prolonged period.

EXPO '67

ENCOURAGEMENT TO U.S. COMPANIES TO
PARTICIPATE—INVITATION TO RED
CHINA

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Could he tell us whether he intends to make representations to the U.S. trade department so that American companies established in Canada will be incited to participate more than they do now in Expo '67?

[Text]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, Expo '67 is obtaining a good deal of support from the business communities of both Canada and the United States. On a number of occasions I have met with Canadian businessmen, and last week I was in New York entertaining a group of leading United States businessmen in order to acquaint them with the great opportunity that lies ahead for them to participate with Canadians in the celebration of our centenary. I intend to continue this kind of effort.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Is he aware of the inquiry conducted by a Montreal newspaper and which is reported