

the world and a reduction in Canadian procurement of defence equipment. These circumstances are now changing and last year's surplus for Canada was brought down to \$4 million. I think that the agreement of 1963 has to be interpreted in light of those circumstances.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman, having returned from Algeria, Tunisia and other African countries he visited in order to find trade, apparently has not studied the question very carefully; otherwise he would not have made the observation concerning myself. In view of that observation I now ask him whether he will table the agreement of June 6, 1963, I think it was, in connection with the defence expenditures. If he will do that we will have a complete answer, which we do not now have.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I will be delighted to put the record straight. At page—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hees: Answer yes or no.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the minister that we are getting into a debate. Perhaps he might try to reply to the question quickly. Perhaps we could avoid debate either in the questions or the answers.

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, I am willing to bet the right hon. member for Prince Albert ten bucks that I am right.

Mr. Hees: Make it \$20.

Mr. Pepin: On the second point, whether I will put on the table—

Mr. Hees: Put up the money. I have the bet covered.

Mr. Pepin: Right.

Mr. Diefenbaker: If the hon. member does not have \$10 because he spent so much on his trip I will lend the money to him so he can bet it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair recognizes the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East on a supplementary. I also suggest to hon. members that I do not think we are progressing very quickly at this point.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON HYDROFOIL AND GAS TURBINE ENGINE TO UNITED STATES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Defence or to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Can either of these two hon. gentlemen indicate to the House whether or not we have turned over to the United States government the full evaluation reports on the *Bras d'Or* study and on the JD-6 gas turbine engine so they may be developed and produced in the United States?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the answer to that would be no.

Inquiries of the Ministry

There has, of course, been an exchange of information through a NATO committee on hydrofoil systems.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If hon. members will look around they will see that perhaps 30 or 35 hon. members are seeking to ask questions. We will not reach too many unless we try to proceed more quickly.

PRODUCTION OF TUCUMCARI CLASS HYDROFOIL BY UNITED STATES—POSSIBILITY OF CANADIAN PURCHASES

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Speaker. Since Boeing Aircraft Corporation is now going into the production of the Tucumcari class of hydrofoil, since there is pressure from the United States for us to increase our defence purchases there and since we need coastal patrol vessels, is the government of Canada considering purchasing Tucumcari class hydrofoils for that purpose?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I would remind the hon. member that a hydrofoil class of ship for coastal work would run into real problems with ice and other floating objects off the Canadian coast while a long-range open ocean hydrofoil of the type such as we are working on would not, so I think the answer is no.

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FAMILY INCOME SECURITY

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—DISCUSSION RESPECTING CO-ORDINATION OF OTTAWA AND QUEBEC PLANS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Since the Quebec Minister of Social Affairs stated yesterday that he intends to table a bill on family allowances before the end of December and that it would be difficult for Quebec to introduce a valid measure without knowing the nature of agreements with the federal government, could the Prime Minister assure the House that the negotiations now going on between Quebec and the federal government will be completed before the province introduces its bill in the National Assembly?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I cannot answer the question, Mr. Speaker, because I do not know in detail what will be the attitude of the Quebec government. As for the position of the federal government, it is known because we have already gone through first reading of the family allowances bill.

Regarding the general principles Prime Minister Bourassa mentioned at the beginning of September, we have indicated our willingness to negotiate. I cannot give the assurance that negotiations will be completed if Mr. Castonguay wishes to introduce his bill at such a date.