

Inquiries of the Ministry

statement on this matter. According to the latest reports available, an Israeli force including tanks and armoured vehicles crossed the Jordanian border on Sunday morning and carried out an attack on a village south of Jerusalem. This attack was apparently carried out after three Israelis were killed and several injured as a result of the mining of a patrol vehicle near the Jordan border. According to the information so far in hand it would appear that the Israeli reprisal action was the largest we have seen in some years and resulted in loss of life and considerable damage to property. I understand that the United Nations observers in the area succeeded in negotiating a cease fire and investigations are now under way which will lead to a report to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The Canadian government is seriously concerned over the acts of violence which have taken place in the area during recent months, and regrets that this violence is now taking on a more serious form. It is our sincere hope—a hope which I am sure is shared by all hon. members—that both sides will use due restraint in the situation which has arisen and that the cease fire negotiated by the United Nations observers in the area will be maintained.

Mr. Nesbitt: Is the Prime Minister in a position to let us know whether there have been any casualties in the Canadian forces serving with the United Nations?

Mr. Pearson: I do not have any detailed information about that point, but since the incident took place on the Jordanian border and since the Canadians are in and around the Gaza strip, I should think it highly unlikely.

VETERANS AFFAIRS**AMENDMENT RESPECTING WITHDRAWAL OF
365-DAY PROVISION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I wished to direct my question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, but in the tumult he left the house. I will therefore address it to his parliamentary secretary or to the acting minister. In view of the minister's statement at the opening of the sitting today that there would be amendments to the War Veterans Allowance Act, would the minister state whether there will be an amendment regarding the withdrawal of the 365-day clause which applies to the war veterans?

[Mr. Pearson.]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, may I take the hon. gentleman's question as notice.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**REPLICAS OF AWARDS OF GALLANTRY
ISSUED AS PREMIUMS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Veterans Affairs which I hope can be taken as notice in a similar manner. Has the minister's attention been drawn to the use of replicas of awards for gallantry, including the Victoria Cross, as an advertising device or premium in breakfast cereal packages? Is this not contrary to regulations regarding the issue or reproduction of gallantry awards, and does the minister contemplate any action?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer this question to the Minister of National Defence.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I should like to assure my hon. friend that as soon as this question was brought to my attention I wrote to the president of the company concerned to ask for his co-operation in this regard, because I believed he would feel, as does my hon. friend, that we should not in any way diminish the importance of the great honours which have been won by our gallant men at arms.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**INTERIM SUPPLY—REQUEST FOR ADJUST-
MENT IN RESOLUTION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board in the continued and unexplained absence of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp). Will the Minister of National Revenue adjust the resolution presently before us on interim supply asking in round figures for \$372 million, to correspond to the real amount of money that is now required in view of the finding of a lost \$54 million?

Mr. Speaker: Order please; I think this question can be put during the debate on interim supply.