

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of this matter until the hon. member sent me notice of his question across the floor of the house a few moments ago. As he undoubtedly knows, there are scores and scores of organizations which have been classified as charitable under the Income Tax Act which comply with the principles of the common law as they have been enunciated in the leading cases before the privy council over two centuries ago. I presume this is a case which follows those principles, but I will check into the matter.

**DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS****NEWFOUNDLAND—REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER UNION**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate):** Mr. Speaker, on this the 11th anniversary of the union of Newfoundland with Canada, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if the government would not mark the anniversary by acknowledging the constitutional rights of Newfoundland under the terms of union, which the government repudiated a year ago.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not sure whether that was a patriotic speech or a partisan speech, but in any event it does not seem to be a question asking for information.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I am asking the Prime Minister to reverse a position taken in this house, sir, and it is a question seeking information.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****BOMARC MISSILE—REPORTED REDUCTION IN PROGRAM AND SUSPENSION OF TESTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** I should like to direct a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence. Can the minister now confirm a Washington report that the Bomarc program has been reduced to ten bases, eight in the United States and two in Canada?

**Hon. Pierre Sevigny (Associate Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, this question was clearly explained in the house by the Minister of National Defence. There is nothing I can add to what the minister said in this house on Monday and Tuesday.

**Mr. Hellyer:** Mr. Speaker, two or three days ago the minister was merely asked to comment on a report and he said he did not know whether or not it was official. My question is—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. What the hon. member for Trinity is doing is complaining, shall I say, about the answer he has just had. It is contrary to the practice of the house to permit complaints about the character of an answer that is received. It is within the discretion of the ministry to give such answers as they see fit, so if the hon. member has any question to ask—

**Mr. Hellyer:** Perhaps the minister would answer a supplementary question for me. Could he tell me how many of the ten bases will be equipped with Bomarc A missile and how many will be equipped with the Bomarc B?

**Mr. Sevigny:** There again, this information was given to this house by the Minister of National Defence on Tuesday.

**Mr. Rodolphe Leduc (Gatineau):** I should like to direct a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence. Is there any truth in this morning's newspaper statement from Cape Canaveral to the effect that tests on the Bomarc B have been suspended indefinitely?

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not like to be too meticulous, but the hon. member is simply asking whether a newspaper report is true. If answers are to be given to questions of that kind, there is no limit to the newspaper reports that could be brought in and the time of the house taken in attempting to verify their truth or otherwise. It has long been established that that type of question is not permissible. If the hon. member wants to know some fact about Bomarc tests he should ask about that fact, and if it is something within the administrative responsibility of the minister then the question can be asked.

**Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West):** I should like to put a supplementary question on the same point, based on the report from Cape Canaveral contained in *Le Devoir* this morning. My question is, in the United States-Canada joint program on the Bomarc missile, has the development test work been discontinued?

**Mr. Sevigny:** May I ask the hon. member to repeat his question? I am sorry; I could not hear.

**Mr. McIlraith:** My question was whether or not development test work on the Bomarc B missile had been discontinued.

**Mr. Sevigny:** The hon. member for Ottawa West is quoting from a press report which is purely speculative.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** He is not quoting.