

the federal government to amend the Criminal Code to permit this, would the minister tell us whether the government is considering the introduction of such legislation?

**Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice):** The question of wire tapping was discussed quite fully at the meeting of attorneys general held about a year ago, and the matter has been under study by the department for some time.

**Mr. Orlikow:** Would the minister consider referring the whole question of wire tapping and the use of electronic listening devices to the standing committee on justice and legal affairs?

**Mr. Cardin:** I do not think it would be wise to refer the matter to that particular committee at this time.

#### CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

##### SUGGESTED COMPLIMENTARY TRIPS TO EXPO FOR OLDER CANADIANS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State. If she decides to give me a one word answer, as she did to the hon. member for Winnipeg South, I hope it will be "yes" rather than "no".

**Mr. McCleave:** Is this a proposal?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Knowles:** I am afraid that would be invading a jurisdiction which has already been established.

**An hon. Member:** By whom?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Knowles:** In view of the general desire to honour older Canadians during this centennial year, would the Secretary of State suggest to the centennial commission the possibility of arranging for complimentary trips to Expo for Canadians 80 years of age and over?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** I have to confess to the house that I have been waiting 40 years for the chance to say "yes" to a question, but this is not it.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Knowles:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**An hon. Member:** Where?

#### National Defence Act Amendment

##### CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

##### INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION BY PROVINCES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond):** I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare supplementary to the one I asked him yesterday concerning the Canada Assistance Plan. The minister said no agreements had been concluded with the provinces. Can he say whether the necessary agreements will be completed within the very near future so the benefits of the plan can come into operation?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes, I hope it will be possible to sign these agreements in the near future.

● (3:30 p.m.)

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT AMENDMENT

##### AMALGAMATION OF NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE

The house resumed from Monday, January 30, consideration of the motion of Mr. Hellyer for the second reading of Bill No. C-243, to amend the National Defence Act and other acts in consequence thereof.

**Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, I have about four speeches which I wish to make on this bill and until a few moments ago I was undecided as to which I would make at this time. However, I have been prompted to make up my mind by the answer given by the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Hellyer) to the question put to him by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill) during the question period. I was not quite clear whether he meant by his answer that he had limited knowledge or that the opposition had limited knowledge. However, I think I can prove which is correct.

Before the house adjourned last night I had referred to the minister's speech of December 7 last and said it left much to be desired. I said it reminded me of a balloon; it had a cover but inside there was nothing of substance, just air. We in the official opposition were particularly anxious to examine that great speech in order to determine what he meant by unification. The word "unification" as used by the minister mystified the members of all the armed forces, the general public and members of this house, and again I say that the definition of this word is the crux of the debate in which we are engaged.