

Oral Questions

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, it will be similar to the last occasion when we dealt with this. There will be a government bill to which the government will be committed, but members of this House who are not with the government will be free to vote on it as they see fit.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: You have said it all now—no free vote.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**POSSIBILITY CONTRACT FOR 20 MULTI-PURPOSE SHIPS
PLACED OUTSIDE CANADA—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence and refers to the need of maritime command for an additional 20 multi-purpose intermodal ships in the foreseeable future. Is it a fact that agreement has been reached in principle by the government, and perhaps partly arising out of contractual link talks with our European partners in NATO, that this order and the engineering design work for it will be placed outside Canada?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, it is much too early in the ship-building program to have entered into any negotiations either outside Canada or within Canada. Of course, we would all prefer that the contract be completed in this country.

Mr. Forrestall: I take it from what the minister has said that consideration has not been given to letting this approximately \$400 million contract outside Canada as a result of requests from the Prime Minister or members of cabinet. Is that the position or in fact has the matter been considered, is it currently under consideration and is there a possibility that a final determination might be made some time this year? The final determination I am referring to is a decision by the government to let this work go outside Canada.

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Speaker, that is not being actively considered at the present time. I think it would be a most unlikely result of any studies.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**ALLEGATION MR. MRNAK MURDERED IN ST. CATHARINES
HOSPITAL—REQUEST FOR RE-OPENING OF INVESTIGATION**

Mr. Gilbert Parent (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. In the last few days a Mr. Frolick, a Czech defector, testified at a Senate subcommittee hearing in Washington that a former constituent of mine, a Mr. Mrnak, was allegedly murdered while being treated in the Hotel Dieu hospital in St. Catharines. I understand that Mrs. Mrnak has asked for another investigation. In view of the fact that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were involved in the original investiga-

[Mr. Woolliams.]

tion, would the minister please tell the House if there are any plans to reopen the case?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, at the time of Mr. Mrnak's death there was an investigation by the local police and the RCMP. They found there was no foul play involved in his death. There is no plan to have another inquiry by the RCMP. If there were to be another investigation it would have to be undertaken by the local police force.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**ALLEGED BREACH OF PROVISIONS OF FOREIGN ENLISTMENT
ACT—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. Would the Acting Prime Minister make inquiries into the publication in the *Globe and Mail* on Tuesday, February 10 of an advertisement which seems clearly to envisage enlistment of Canadians as mercenaries for hostilities in Africa contrary to the provisions of section 11 of the Foreign Enlistment Act? This section forbids any person to recruit or otherwise induce any person to enlist or accept any commission or engagement in the armed forces of any foreign state or other armed forces operating in such a state. Will the minister look into this and take the necessary action of the facts—it is quite clear there is an advertisement—but will he take the necessary action if it appears that someone is breaching the Foreign Enlistment Act.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I certainly shall have inquiries made. I am not quite sure on whose initiative action would be taken but if as the hon. member suggests, this is contrary to the law I shall see that appropriate action is taken.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO RATE OF INTEREST ON LOAN TO SOUTH
KOREA**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. I wonder whether the Prime Minister thinks he can have the same success I have had in pushing up popular support for my party by talking about resignation. Has the Acting Prime Minister had time to reflect on my question about the rate of interest the government agency is receiving on the \$300 million loan to the Republic of Korea to finance the sale of the reactor? The Acting Prime Minister has said previously he would not refuse but I ask him again because surely he cannot pretend this is an ordinary commercial transaction.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have reflected. I looked back at the words I used and I think I have come to the same conclusion, that it would be inadvisable in transactions made by the Export Development Corporation, to reveal information that could be used to the disadvantage of Canadian indus-