

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Later:]

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Veterans Affairs to inform the house what part, if any, he played in approving the recent air agreement which so adversely affected Winnipeg and Manitoba; or was he even consulted by the Minister of Transport?

**Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman knows well that I cannot properly reply to that question.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

INQUIRY AS TO EXTENSION TO FARM LABOUR

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour concerning unemployment insurance for farm labour. Will the Minister give serious consideration to this matter, action upon which is long overdue, so that farm labour eventually will be provided for under the Unemployment Insurance Act?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, as far as I am concerned, suggestions put forward by the hon. member are always given careful and prompt consideration.

GILL REPORT—REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE STUDY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic):** May I ask the Minister a related question. Is it his intention during the coming session to have a committee study the Gill report, which study is long overdue?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Reference was made in the Speech from the Throne to proposed legislation dealing with unemployment insurance in this country. I must say that I have not been long enough in this particular portfolio to say just what course will be followed. I certainly think that committee action will follow when the government has proposals to lay before the house.

[Translation]

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**

EMPLOYMENT OF FEMALES AS LETTER CARRIERS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** I should like to direct a question to the Postmaster General.

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

Could he give instructions to the Civil Service Commission to allow women to apply as candidates for positions of letter carriers?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, the Civil Service Commission has already enacted that there should be no discrimination whatsoever concerning the application of women to Civil Service Commission competitions for letter carriers.

[English]

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

PROTEST RESPECTING TRAINING OF GERMAN TROOPS IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** I wish to address a question to Colonel the honourable and gallant Secretary of State for External Affairs. I have been requested to ask the question of the minister by war widows, parents who lost sons and daughters in the first and second world wars, by veterans, Legion members, various ethnic groups and survivors of concentration camps, trade unionists and other persons who support four parties in this house and who reside in five provinces.

Did the government give any consideration to the feelings or fears of these persons when it consented to the training of German troops in Canada, led by former nazi officers who took part in the invasion of European countries in the second world war?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** In this matter, Mr. Speaker, the government took into consideration the understandable reactions and feelings of persons concerned. The government also took into consideration its obligations to a NATO partner.

**TRANSPORT**

HEARING OF APPEAL AGAINST ABANDONMENT OF C.P.R. SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat):** I should like to ask the Minister of Transport if the government has received a request that the Governor in Council reverse the decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners which allowed the Canadian Pacific Railway to abandon the passenger service known as The Dominion? If so, will the government grant a hearing to reconsider this decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** The Governor in Council has a duty