

States on Friday when he brought down his new "Food for Freedom" campaign.

Mr. Starr: Order.

Mr. Thompson: At that time the President said this was a program of American farmers combined with the efforts of other foreign farmers. I wonder if the Minister of Agriculture could tell us whether there has been any consultation with his department regarding this program or whether any commitments have been made to it by the Canadian government.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The way this question is phrased it seems to be so general in nature that it does not appear to be urgent enough to justify either a question or an answer at this time.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I have heard your decision with respect to the question, but this is a matter of the head of state of another country speaking in regard to what Canada is going to do in respect of this program.

Mr. Speaker: I may be wrong in this regard but as the hon. member knows he has an opportunity to discuss the matter on the adjournment debate if he does not agree with my decision.

TRANSPORT

INQUIRY AS TO PROPOSED CO-ORDINATION AUTHORITY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Could the minister advise the house when he expects to introduce legislation dealing with transportation matters and based on the ideas expressed in the speech he made in Winnipeg last Wednesday?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think I would not be candid with the hon. member or the house if I suggested it was very likely that the legislation could be introduced before the end of June. There are the deliberations of the committee on transportation at the present time and certain other developments going on which I believe the government should prudently take into account before introducing legislation.

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Inquiries of the Ministry

As I said in Winnipeg, I would welcome the views of anyone, and particularly of a former minister of transport, on some of the questions which I raised in that speech.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

McGILL UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Defence Production. I should like to ask him whether the government is now in a position to announce to the house whether it will continue its assistance to the high altitude research project carried on by McGill University at Highwater, in the Barbados.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that this question should be placed on the order paper.

OTTAWA—REPORTED REFUSAL OF PERMISSION TO USE WHITE ENSIGN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. I should like to ask the minister whether he refused permission to the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association to use the naval white ensign in yesterday's commemoration service.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): I did not.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I did not hear the reply made by the minister, but I assume what he said prevents my saying that the question is out of order.

TELEVISION

CLARESHOLM, ALTA.—APPLICATION FOR STATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. CFCN Television Limited of Calgary, Alta. has asked the Department of Transport for authority to establish a television broadcasting station at Claresholm, Alberta, and the authorization is held up by the Board of Broadcast Governors pending clarification by the Department of Transport of public policy for the extension of alternative television service.