Mr. Speaker: The hon, member knows that he cannot insist on an answer.

Mr. Nielsen: He is afraid to answer.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, the Prime Minister has the right to say he will not answer a question, but he has not even had that courtesy.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I beg to disagree with the hon. member. Obviously if a minister does not stand in his place it is because he does not intend to reply. I suggest he does not have to get up and say that he does not want to answer.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

PAY INCREASES TO PILOTS—INTEGRATION INTO SALARY STRUCTURE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Enns (Portage-Neepawa): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence but in his absence perhaps the Associate Minister would reply. May I ask whether the recent increase in pay to pilots in the Royal Canadian Air Force will become part of the permanent salary structure of the service?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): I understand that it will, Mr. Speaker.

FARM MACHINERY

REPORTED INCREASES IN PRICES OF COMBINES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture with reference to the price of farm implements. Is he aware of the fact that since November last, shortly before he was appointed minister, small combines have gone up in price \$250 a unit, big combines \$600 a unit, and that in the same period the price of hogs came down 10 cents per pound?

IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO PRODUCTION OF WHITE PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Can the minister tell the house when we may anticipate the long awaited, often promised white paper on immigration?

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Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, what we are trying to do right now is to adopt some new regulations concerning non-immigrants in Canada. We are working hard and I hope that we will produce some results soon so that some of the shortcomings in the present regulations can be corrected. I think that if we succeed in doing so hon. members will not complain too much about the time we are taking to review the whole philosophy of immigration.

Mr. Brewin: A supplementary question. I hope the minister, in referring to the question of visitors and non-immigrants and the urgent need for the government to announce its policy in this regard, can assure the house that this does not mean that the general promise of a white paper to review the whole subject of immigration is being overlooked.

Mr. Marchand: It does not mean that, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. In view of the thousands of immigrants in Canada who have arrived here on visitors' visas and have since made application for permanent residence status, some of whom now have orders of deportation against them, has the government changed its attitude respecting those persons with deportation orders against them? Is the government still going to deport them or is it reviewing these cases? If so, has the government held up the deportation of these people until such review is completed?

[Translation]

[Later:]

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, I hope that within the next few weeks I will be in a position to make a statement concerning non-immigrants in Canada. We have endeavoured to make certain regulations which, I think, will be agreeable to most hon. members. However, some deportations may still have to be made; I am thinking of those who, in any case, cannot be accepted in Canada under the act and who will be deported immediately. This can be done under present regulations. As for the others, applications are held in abeyance and no deportation will be made.