

particularly as to whether flood control on the Souris River was now included in the terms of reference?

Mr. George Baker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment and Minister of Fisheries): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can confirm to the hon. gentleman that the report is due on October 25, and I think the important thing to remember is that the report can recommend the abandonment of any portion of this project if it adversely affects Canada. As far as flood control measures are concerned, I can report to the hon. gentleman that we are in the process of negotiating three agreements with the province of Manitoba, one being a flood damage reduction agreement, the second a supplementary flood mapping agreement, and the third a study agreement. These agreements should be signed within 30 days.

Mr. Dinsdale: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The parliamentary secretary missed my essential point, the IJC consideration of this important boundary water matter. In view of the extensive flood damage this spring amounting to millions of dollars and the support of the government of the state of North Dakota for having the IJC investigate this matter, is Canada also pressing this viewpoint?

Mr. Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Yes, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the representation made by the hon. gentleman about a month ago, I was personally in touch with our two representatives on the IJC and the board was considering that very point.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED ORION—POSSIBILITY CANADA WILL PURCHASE REFITTED UNITED STATES NAVY AIRCRAFT

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Would the minister bring us up to date on whether Canada will be purchasing the 18 Lockheed Orions, and would he inform the House whether there is a plan under which the United States navy will buy the Orions now in their reduced form as Lockheed P-3's, and a year from now Lockheed will take them back, fit them out as Orions, sell them to Canada and make new P-3's for the U.S. navy?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the first question, the Lockheed proposal is before cabinet, as the hon. member knows. With regard to the second question, I have heard nothing about an arrangement of that kind.

INQUIRY AS TO CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT FROM COMPANIES OTHER THAN LOCKHEED

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would point out to the minister that there have been newscasts today on the subject to which I referred. The minister said he is concerned that a number of other aircraft firms have just submitted bids two days before he was going to make a

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final decision. Will this make any difference to the plans for purchases, will there be further delays, or has the minister any idea from whom he will consider purchasing the aircraft?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, there have been no other bids or firm bids. There have been some very vague proposals but we do not have any other firm bids before us at the present time.

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PENITENTIARIES

DORCHESTER—ALLEGED ESCAPE PLAN FOR HUTCHISON AND AMBROSE—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. Further to the questions which I put to the Solicitor General on July 6 at which time I inquired whether he would report to the House of Commons details of an escape plan for Hutchison and Ambrose and the existence of a cache of arms in Dorchester penitentiary—I understand now that the dynamite information was incorrect—is the minister now in a position to report the details to the House, or will he table the report which was sent to the commissioner of penitentiaries, particularly in relation to the comments of Mr. Ambrose when at approximately 2.20 p.m. on June 22, following the bulletin concerning Bill C-84 passing second reading, he said: "Now, we can get all the pigs we want"?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): When I replied to the hon. member on the last occasion I said that I could not recall all the details of the incident, but I have the report now for the question period.

On April 27, several rounds of ammunition were found at Dorchester as well as a homemade gun and some homemade knives. These weapons were found in the kitchen area and there was no evidence that they were related in any way to the two inmates referred to by hon. member, Hutchison and Ambrose. On June 11, another gun and some more ammunition was found in another cell block, but again no evidence was found to relate that to Hutchison and Ambrose. In both cases, the penitentiary service was able to stop whatever was being planned.

Mr. Dick: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister confirm or otherwise that in fact, as a result of a tip to the officials, a softball which was thrown over the wall with an inscription on it of the escape plan for Hutchison and Ambrose was picked up, that extra duty guards had been put on, and that a 32 revolver along with 15 rounds of ammunition had been found subsequent to the softball being thrown over the wall from the farm annex side of the prison?

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I have no information with regard to the softball, but it is correct that a gun and 15 rounds of ammunition were found near the entrance to cell block seven. I might say that Ambrose and Hutchison are being kept in a special wing of the penitentiary apart from all other inmates.