TRANSPORT

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS—INQUIRY AS TO USE OF R.C.A.F. PLANES BY CABINET MINISTERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. W. Hodgson (Victoria, Ont.): I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Defence. Is his department making R.C.A.F. planes available to cabinet ministers for the purpose of travel in connection with provincial election campaigns?

Hon. R. O. Campney (Minister of National Defence): Not to my knowledge, sir.

WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF PERMISSIVE INCOME

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I have not given him notice but he can take it as notice if he so requires. Is the government giving consideration to amending the War Veterans Allowance Act so as to increase the amount of permissive income allowed recipients under the act?

Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Not at this time, Mr. Speaker.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ISRAEL—SUGGESTED RECONSIDERATION OF SHIPMENT OF SABRE AIRCRAFT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the speech made yesterday, as reported in the press, by a representative of the state of Israel as to the serious situation in which Israel may find itself within the next six weeks or so involving an impending attack, has the government given any reconsideration to the question of the shipment to Israel or the permit to ship Sabre aircraft to Israel?

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I have not read the report of the speech in question, but the matter of the shipment of aircraft to Israel is still under consideration by the government.

WEST GERMANY—INQUIRY AS TO INVITATION TO CHANCELLOR ADENAUER TO VISIT CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the impending visit next week of Chancellor Adenauer of the Republic of Germany to the United States, may I ask him

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whether any invitation was extended to Chancellor Adenauer to come to Canada on this occasion?

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): When we heard that the chancellor was coming to this side we had hoped he would be able to return to Canada; but his visit is going to take only two or three days and he will not be able to leave the United States during that time.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement published in the press that the President of Indonesia was to address a joint meeting of the House of Commons and the Senate, would the Prime Minister state if that is so, because we have heard no word of it in the house?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there has been no statement in the house because, though a tentative program had been arranged for the visit of His Excellency the President of Indonesia, it was frequently being changed, and, I understand, it was determined just a very short time ago and that the program is now printed and it does contain an announcement that he will be addressing the members of parliament, and others who will wish to take advantage of the opportunity of hearing him, on Tuesday morning at 10.20 in this chamber.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INQUIRY AS TO EXTENSION OF COVERAGE TO FISHERMEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Can the minister tell the house whether any changes in the unemployment insurance regulations to provide unemployment insurance coverage for fishermen will be made prior to the end of the current session so that the house may have an opportunity to consider them?

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour): I have nothing to add at the moment to the statement I made on the 16th of May.

FREIGHT RATES

CROWSNEST PASS-INQUIRY AS TO RATE INCREASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister give the house the assurance that any increase that