

*Inquiries of the Ministry***DEFENCE PRODUCTION****H.M.C.S. "BONAVENTURE"—ALLEGATION  
REGARDING OVERCHARGES IN  
REFITTING**

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, this question is directed to the Minister of Justice. On Monday last in answering a question put by the hon. member for Calgary North he indicated that informations had been laid against Remus Rodaru and Cardinal Engineering and Machinery Company Limited in connection with the *Bonaventure* bills. He also left the house with the impression that proceedings might be reinstated. Can the minister affirm whether it is now possible to reinstate those criminal proceedings that were terminated, as he explained on Monday?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I said that the crown prosecutor here in Ottawa representing the provincial Attorney General had been unable to obtain the evidence of Erhardt Junkers in Germany and felt he had insufficient evidence to proceed, and the Crown applied to withdraw the charges. The magistrate refused the application and the preliminary inquiry was commenced. The Crown offered no evidence in the circumstances and the charge was dismissed.

In the circumstances described there was of course no trial. The hon. member is asking me for an opinion. It would appear that the defences of *res judicata* or *autrefois acquit* are not available. I think that is as far as I would like to go in an answer. It would be my view that if new evidence were furnished there would not be a bar to new proceedings.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS****REQUEST THAT ALLOWANCE NOT BE REDUCED  
BECAUSE OF INCREASED OLD AGE BENEFIT**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Has the minister or the Governor in Council taken the necessary steps so that recipients of the war veterans allowance will not have their allowance cut back by the amount of any increase they receive in old age security or guaranteed income supplement by way of a cost of living bonus? This was done last year, and I am asking whether it is being done again this year.

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, these steps have been taken effective January first.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether consideration is also being given to increasing the basic amount of war veterans allowances?

**Mr. Dubé:** This is always under consideration, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

**AIRPORTS****QUEBEC—LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT**

**Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Would he tell the house whether he intends to intervene directly in the matter of the site of the future airport? Does he think the representations of Quebec will be seriously considered?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member is asking the Prime Minister to express an opinion and his question, as he has put it, is not in order.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS****PRESENCE OF PERSONS IN GALLERY NOTING  
OPPOSITION ATTENDANCE**

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

A few weeks ago the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) drew the attention of the house to the fact that some people were taking the attendance of the opposition members in the house.

In the last few days, I have noticed that the very same people have moved from the gallery and now stand here, behind me, to check our attendance every day. I would therefore ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to see to it that we are not spied upon every day. Let them take note of the names of all the members, if necessary, but not only of the members of the opposition. Is this the procedure the Prime Minister intends to use to check absenteeism in the house?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker I am taking note of the fact that the member does not wish to be spied upon. If he has something to hide, I would ask those people not to take note of it.

**Mr. Rondeau:** Mr. Speaker, I feel that the Prime Minister's reply is most evasive and even arrogant. I have nothing to hide, but I think that all members should be watched closely and not only a few. We should all be