

Inquiries of the Ministry

present time or by any review of air policy taking place at the present time. [Translation]

BROADCASTING

PAT BURNS—"HOT LINE" PROGRAM

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

In view of the growing concern regarding the departure of Pat Burns, the announcer of *Hot Line*, from station CKGM in Montreal, and of allegations made about political intervention, has the Secretary of State made an investigation on that matter? If so, what were the results?

[English]

Hon. Gerard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I had no report because I did not know that Mr. Pat Burns had left the radio station. I do not usually listen to him but I will inquire and be happy to present whatever information the C.R.T.C. may have.

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question. I believe that it was the "Hot Line" program that was discontinued. Would the minister check with the C.R.T.C. to see whether any instructions were issued by the commission to discontinue the "Hot Line" program?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has made a representation to the minister.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

INQUIRY AS TO REVIEW OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE POLICY

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In light of the rather startling revelation that the Minister of Transport made on Monday of a sort of occult nature, that events that have not happened yet can be discerned on videotape, and in view of the striking similarity of this to ancient knowledge known to Julius Caesar when he used to have experts examine the entrails of a chicken to determine the future in important military matters, can the minister say whether he has any expert on staff who might examine videotapes at the present time to determine what decisions the government will take in the future with regard to its review of foreign affairs and defence policies?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

GRAIN

WHEAT—REPRESENTATIONS FROM SASKATCHEWAN AS TO PRICING

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce may I ask whether the Prime Minister, prior to March 26, received a telegram from the Premier of Saskatchewan setting out a resolution unanimously passed by the Saskatchewan legislature in favour of a floor price of \$1.95½ for wheat and a two-price system, with the price at Fort William fixed at \$2.12? What is the reaction of the government and the reply of the Prime Minister to that very reasonable request, having regard to the serious condition on the prairies today amongst wheat farmers?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if I received such a telegram I probably referred it to the Minister of Agriculture to give me advice on how to answer it.

Mr. Diefenbaker: In the absence of all the absentees, Mr. Speaker, could I find out who is acting as Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, or possibly the Minister of Agriculture, with his all-pervasive knowledge, could answer the question?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, such a telegram was received and it is being considered.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Would the minister say whether there is any expectation that a decision will be made within the next couple of days, having regard to the approach of spring and the need of the farmers out west for funds, as the minister knows?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, as the right hon. gentleman also knows, the two proposals that were contained in the telegram are in fact major new proposals in agricultural policy, and I am sure he would not expect the government to make that decision within two days.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, the government has had three weeks now. How much longer does it want to stay asleep concerning the plight of the farmers in the western provinces?