

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

The senior officials and Mr. Bushnell, I am told, are still in Toronto although I believe the directors finished their regular session last night. I have not been able to communicate with them. I do not want to make a statement of any kind unless I have very specific information from the corporation. I would ask that the house permit me to deal with this matter on Monday, and in the meantime I shall be able to obtain detailed instructions from the corporation on what are the facts.

**Mr. Winch:** May I ask a supplementary question. Has the minister noticed a report in the newspaper to the effect that the C.B.C. has not accepted the resignations of the 32 people, I believe it is. In view of the fact the committee has asked three of these people to appear on Tuesday at 9.30 and they have said they would do so but not on the basis of being still employed, would those three be protected on that basis?

**Mr. Nowlan:** I do not know what the hon. member means by "protected". I said I will answer the questions on Monday when I have accurate and detailed information, which I do not have now.

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition):** In order that the house may be fully and accurately informed—I might say I appreciate the minister's position, and the fact that he will reply to some of these questions on Monday—will the minister consider making available to the house copies of statements made by the acting president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation over the radio or television or to the press in connection with this matter?

**Mr. Nowlan:** If such copies are available I would do so.

**IMMIGRATION****LATVIAN FISHERMEN—CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO ENTER CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate):** I wonder if I might ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration if she has any further information to communicate to the house about the Latvian refugees in St. John's?

**Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** I think the answer must be in the negative, but we are in constant touch with the situation. As the hon. member knows, it is not an easy problem to solve, but the officials of this department are working constantly on it and I hope to have an announcement to make the first of the week.

[Mr. Nowlan.]

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Can the hon. lady answer the supplementary question I asked yesterday, as to whether the government still follows the policy of making no deportations behind the iron curtain?

**Mrs. Fairclough:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**DEFENCE PRODUCTION****TABLING OF REPORT OF DEFENCE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Raymond O'Hurley (Minister of Defence Production):** I have this morning deposited the English copy of the report of Defence Construction Limited. I am sorry to inform the house that the French copy is not available as yet. I expect to have copies of the report of Crown Assets Disposal Corporation in both English and French available soon, and I expect the French copy of the defence construction report will be ready in a few days.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****RE-EQUIPPING OF ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the fact his estimates are coming up shortly I wonder if, prior to the consideration of his estimates, he would make a statement on behalf of the government concerning the re-equipping of the armed forces overseas, and in particular the R.C.A.F., which I think is of interest to all hon. members.

**Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence):** The fact that my estimates have not been before the house before now is not entirely my fault, as they were to come up a few weeks ago but at the request of the Leader of the Opposition, who was not available when they were proposed, they were postponed.

With regard to the other part of the question, the matter is still under consideration and I hope that by the time the estimates are considered I shall be able to make a statement regarding the re-equipping of the air division.

**Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition):** On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, the minister mentioned that his estimates would have come up some time ago had it not been for a request I made, and a statement that I would not be here. It is true that there was one day during the last month when I said I would not be here if the minister's estimates were brought up, and