

Inquiries of the Ministry

hon. Prime Minister or, in his absence, possibly to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of a report in today's *Globe and Mail* that in spite of an increased recruiting program West Germany still has a request for 45,400 foreign workers, will the government increase their efforts to solve Canada's unemployment problem before Germany starts recruiting in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is undoubtedly concerned with the problem which he is endeavouring to put forward, but it does not seem to me that it is a genuine search for information that prompted his question.

Mr. Martin (Timmins): On the point of order you have raised, Mr. Speaker, the report states that the regular sources of foreign labour have dried up in Italy due to the boom in that country, they have now turned to Spain, Greece and Turkey. As Canada is generally recognized to be underpopulated, I think it is not—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member will have an opportunity to say what his views are on that subject at the appropriate time.

POWER

CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROVINCES RESPECTING NATIONAL GRID

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillin-gate): I wonder if either of the parliamentary secretaries to the Prime Minister is able to answer the question I put to the Prime Minister as to whether there was any correspondence which had not been tabled regarding the conference on the power grid which was held yesterday. The parliamentary secretaries no doubt know that the Prime Minister said if there was any such correspondence it would be tabled today. Could they comply with that undertaking?

Mr. John Pallett (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): I do not agree that the Prime Minister made the statement attributed to him by the hon. member, but the question will be taken as notice.

Mr. Pickersgill: Will the parliamentary secretary endeavour to find out if there is any such correspondence, and provide it to the house as the Prime Minister promised?

Mr. Pallett: Again, I cannot agree to the correctness of what the hon. member has just stated, but I will take it as notice.

[Mr. Martin (Timmins).]

AIR TRANSPORT

REPORTED CO-OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN T.C.A. AND C.P.A.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): May I ask the Minister of Transport a question arising from the information on the Trans-Canada Air Lines deficit which was tabled yesterday. In view of the fact that a committee of this house will be examining the annual report of T.C.A., can the minister indicate before that occasion what consideration the government is giving to the rumour or the report of an amalgamation or co-operative arrangement between T.C.A. and Canadian Pacific Airlines?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): I have nothing to add to what has been said in the past in this house.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Martineau in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Canadian Army—

644. Operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$35 million.

Mr. Forgie: I should like to refer to a short speech I made last September regarding the situation which prevails at Petawawa military camp. I told the minister at that time that I hoped he would investigate the matter to see whether some remedial action could be taken up there to lessen the suffering which is going on there because of the insufficiency of hospital facilities.

A question was asked on this subject the other day by the hon. member for Trinity, on the order paper, and the answer given was most evasive. There is plenty of evidence in *Hansard* and also in the minutes of the proceedings of the committee which dealt with the estimates of the Department of National Defence to warrant some assistance being given at Petawawa. I shall read some of this evidence to the committee. As reported in *Hansard* of 1959, volume V, page 5509, the committee of the whole was considering the following estimate:

230. Grants to the town of Oromocto, subject to the approval of treasury board, for municipal services including the maintenance and operation of schools and to promote the development of the town, \$1,656,000.

At that time the former minister of national defence had this to say:

Oromocto is the dependants' town at Gagetown. It is where all the dependants of personnel and the married service personnel live. It is set up under a special agreement that was reached a few years