

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

officials to obtain more information than is available in the press reports. We will be following the course of the United States inquiries or investigations to determine whether there is any basis upon which to believe an investigation should be carried out in Canada. We need more information because of the fact there are a number of tetracycline patents in Canada and we do not know from United States reports which are involved.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS****WAGE INCREASE OBTAINED BY CARPENTERS AND JOINERS**

**Mr. Keith Hymmen (Kitchener):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether he is aware of a wage settlement announced in Toronto involving one segment of the building trades, namely, carpenters and joiners, providing for a 43 per cent wage increase over a period of less than two years? Is the Prices and Incomes Commission studying this settlement and will it investigate the inflationary aspect of this and other wage settlements?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am aware that there has been a substantial wage settlement although I am not certain of the precise percentage. I am also aware that there have been other very substantial wage and cost increases in respect of construction, which in turn are reflected in increased construction costs. I am sure this is a matter of concern to us all. The Prices and Incomes Commission which is independent will, I have no doubt, regard the construction industry as one of the key sectors of the economy. I am sure this is one of the areas in which it will have an interest.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Acting Prime Minister. Is he prepared to tell us whether that question is one of the hypocritical ones?

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****SAC BOMBER SITES—POSSIBLE LOCATION IN CANADA**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Defence because it is suggested that he cannot tell the difference between a bomber and a fuel carrier. I do not believe this. I am wondering whether he will tell the house that the United

States defence authorities have in fact made two distinct and separate requests in respect of dispersal of SAC sites and the renewal of the old agreement, or was there some misunderstanding involved in the answer the minister made yesterday?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I think the misunderstanding originates from the fact that the question was posed in this way:

I wish to ask...whether there has been any request or approach on the part of United States officials with regard to the possibility of dispersing SAC bomber sites and locating some of them in Canada?

My answer, of course, was a bit confused following that question. I said yes, because I could not say no, the SAC system comprising both bombers and tankers. The request we received was for a refuelling system for tankers in Canada.

**An hon. Member:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have some doubts whether this question ought not to have originally been placed on the order paper. Perhaps the whole question might be "sacked". In view of the fact the Leader of the Opposition has been allowed a supplementary question, perhaps the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands ought to be allowed to pursue the matter.

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Pentagon has asked for refuelling bases in Canada, according to the minister's statement, I should like to ask what reason the Pentagon gave for reactivating an agreement which was rescinded in 1963?

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know that I am qualified to go into the reasons. This is part of an over-all dispersal plan because conditions have changed. The request made to the Canadian government is for the renewal of the agreement which existed then, with some difference to the extent that no aircraft will be permanently stationed on these bases, that the bases will be used only in case of an international crisis, and that the aircraft will fly from Canadian bases to carry out their assigned missions and return to their home bases on termination of the crisis. Peacetime operations would be held to test the operation. What is basically requested actually are landing strips, some facilities for the refuelling of aircraft, and parking areas. That is all that is requested.