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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**POSSIBLE INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED BRIBERY BY LOCKHEED**

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Lafontaine-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General which relates to the questions put by the hon. member for Victoria yesterday.

Can the minister tell the House whether, in the light of revelations about the activities of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation of Canada, particularly the kickbacks paid on an international scale to get lucrative contracts, the RCMP has conducted, is conducting or considers conducting an inquiry to ascertain if that corporation did pay kickbacks to obtain from the Department of National Defence a contract estimated at \$1 billion for the replacement of the long range patrol aircraft.

[English]

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am informed that the RCMP is not investigating this matter. To the best of their knowledge no Canadians have received kickbacks in this matter.

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FINANCE**GOVERNMENT POSITION ON CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF CAPITAL AND DEVALUATION**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. As the value of Canadian money on foreign exchanges has remained high because of the continued inflow of foreign capital, which may lead to trouble down the road as it were, has the government considered avenues of relief such as lower domestic interest rates, direct controls on international capital flows or devaluation?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, to deal with the hon. member's specific suggestions, we have indicated that we would continue to maintain restrictions on the increase in the money supply and therefore the kinds of actions proposed by the hon. gentleman, which would involve a very substantial increase in the money supply, do not commend themselves to us. I specifically indicate that we have given no consideration at all to the imposition of foreign exchange controls.

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COMBINES**SUGGESTED INCLUSION IN BRYCE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE—RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BIG CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT**

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker,—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Stick with Sinc.

Oral Questions

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. Will the Acting Prime Minister consider broadening the terms of reference of the Royal Commission on Corporate Concentration, to allow that commission to review the relations between big corporations and the government, particularly such relationships as may exist between the present administration and such corporate giants as Power Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is refreshing to have the hon. member back in the House, and to understand the basis on which he is conducting his election campaign. The answer is, no.

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, may I direct my supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of his reluctance to refer this matter to the Bryce commission, would he consider referring it to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, of this House, in order that the committee can consider the relationship of such big corporations with the present administration?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, knowing the hon. gentleman, I am quite sure it would not require any reference to any committee to permit his raising the question.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE**REASON FOR INCREASE IN ESTIMATED COST OF LANGUAGE TRAINING SCHOOL AT ST. JEAN, QUEBEC**

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. In the past week the minister stated that the \$88 million construction program for the Canadian Forces Base at St. Jean had been approved in 1973. The 1975-76 estimates, published some ten or 11 months ago, called for a total cost of \$47,220,000. Can the minister explain this apparent increase of 86 per cent in projected cost in some ten months?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Surely it would be appropriate to ask this kind of question when the minister's estimates are before the standing committee.

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HEALTH**FOOD COLOUR ADDITIVES—DIFFERENCE IN TREATMENT OF RED DYES TWO AND FORTY IN CANADA AND UNITED STATES**

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Considering the controversy regarding the possible carcinogenic properties of Red 2 and Red 40, used by the industry to colour food, and as the minister on the basis of information he received has seen fit to ban Red 40 but not Red 2, whereas the United States has done exactly the opposite, will the minister consider consulting with his counterpart in the United States in order to interchange information and research data on these two chemicals so that a uniform decision may be made which would help