

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, October 3, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEDICARE—DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCES BEFORE ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Perth): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In the light of the concern of the provinces over the cost of medicare, will the minister review medicare proposals with the provinces before establishing priorities, as mentioned in his speech last evening?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I would think a question of this kind which relates to government policy in general should be directed to the Prime Minister rather than the Minister of Finance. I can assure the hon. member that all expenditure programs are under very careful review. I shall take into account his suggestion that we should consult with the provinces.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NATO—PROPOSED PLACING OF NUCLEAR MINES ON TURKISH BORDER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I wished to address to either the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs, neither of whom is in his seat. Perhaps one of the parliamentary secretaries will draw this question to the attention of one or the other of them for answer tomorrow.

In view of reports that the nuclear planning group of NATO, of which Canada is presently a member, met in Ankara last Friday and debated a Turkish proposal for nuclear mines to be laid on the eastern border of Turkey with the Soviet union, can the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs inform the house what position the Minister of National Defence, who was our representative in that group at this meeting, took on behalf of Canada in respect of this proposal? May we also have the assurance that Canada will vigorously oppose this

dangerous proposal, since it is clearly against the spirit of the non-proliferation policy which Canada has supported?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to draw this question to the attention of the Prime Minister.

[Translation]

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the Secretary of State but, in her absence, I will put it to the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Hellyer).

Could he tell us if the organization called T.E.Q., that is the Student Workers of Quebec, has received subventions from the federal government since the Company of Young Canadians was set up?

Mr. Speaker: I think that question should be put on the order paper.

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance.

Last night the minister said that the increase in the interest rate for housing was designed to attract foreign investments in Canada. Could the minister tell us where the foreigners take the funds they invest in Canada and, on the other hand, where does Canada draw the funds it invests in foreign countries?

Mr. Speaker: This question should be placed on the order paper.

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ACCEPTANCE BY CANADA OF GREATER RESPONSIBILITY IN PACIFIC AREA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, my question was for the Secretary of State for External Affairs,