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out there are still sending their children in the main to St. Edward's parish school; that is, those of the Catholic denomination and are paying for this out of their own pockets; whereas, only a few blocks away we have Fort Osborne barracks, which is in the city of Winnipeg, which has no agreement with the government but the government is subsidizing the children of the army personnel there. Of course, the personnel out at Stevenson's field say to me, "Is this right; is this fair, is there not discrimination?" This is a difficult argument to refute.

I know there is no onus upon the city of St. James to provide those facilities and it is money out of the pockets of the air force personnel situated at Stevenson's field. I am wondering whether the minister might at this time make another complete review of the present situation. It is my feeling that this is perhaps a unique situation. I may be wrong in this but I do not know of any other province that has a separate school arrangement legalized by statute. If it is a unique situation, then perhaps it deserves a unique solution. However, if it is not possible to go all the way with regard to countermanding or amending the agreement, perhaps something may be done with regard to aiding these service personnel by perhaps providing transportation. Perhaps they could use one of the department's buses to take the children to school and to bring them home.

I have been out at the field and have noticed buses standing idle during the day time. Perhaps this may be only a small matter, but the suggestions I have made would do a great deal to alleviate the situation. I would be interested in hearing the minister's remarks on this matter.

Mr. Pearkes: I shall be very pleased to look into the matter. I will take it up with the air officer commanding in Winnipeg. I thank the hon. member for the suggestion he has advanced.

Mr. Winch: Mr. Chairman, I believe this is the vote under which we can ask the Minister of National Defence to enlarge on what he had to say on this particular item in his opening remarks on the air defence of Canada, because I understand that the purchase and the allocation of Bomarc are part of the R.C.A.F. defence. I fully realize that on a security basis there may be a lot of information the minister cannot give us. I do feel that the members of the House of Commons who are 265 representatives of the millions who occupy Canada require a more comprehensive knowledge from the minister on the change which has been made in the cancellation of the CF-105, and the fact that we got the information only a few weeks ago that the

R.C.A.F. in Canada will continue to be manned with the CF-100. The major defence, therefore, is going to rely on the air force installation of the Bomarc. As far as the members of the House of Commons know from all the statements made by the minister or the Prime Minister, there are two installations authorized, one in Ontario and one in Quebec.

The minister made it very clear this afternoon that he was not in a position to tell us of the actual results of the tests of the Bomarc. Therefore, we can understand that we have to go on what we can read in our own Canadian papers, in the papers of the United States and in the congressional record. In recent weeks we have read in the congressional record of a debate in the United States on the value of the Bomarc and also we have read the official record of the cutting of the estimates to a very great extent having to do with Bomarc, but I do not know whether it was experimentation or development. However, in view of the fact that the Minister of National Defence has not made any announcement in the House of Commons that he on behalf of the government is making any change on account of this, it therefore means, I take it, that as far as the government is concerned they are proceeding with their arrangements with the United States authorities on the Bomarc as a defence for Canada and United States.

That being so, I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence whether he can give us information as far as he possibly can. If anyone is to be taken into his confidence by the minister, it should be the members of the House of Commons. Since there was the cancellation of the CF-105 and his own statement that our own R.C.A.F. is only going to have the CF-100, and in view of his own statement and that of the Prime Minister going back to February of this year and continuing that we have to have something that will meet the supersonic missile, not the ICBM, will the Minister of National Defence—in view of the fact that he is only now prepared to give as authorized the establishment in Canada of two Bomarc launching stations, one in Ontario and one in Quebec—give the information as to what is the defence from Ontario to the Pacific coast?

I have had the privilege of having a talk with the Minister of National Defence. I do not think I am breaking any confidence when I say that outside of the two establishments in Canada there is now in existence or will be established a Bomarc line south of the Canadian border from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Whether the establishments are now in existence I do not know and I am not going