

BIOLOGICAL WARFARE—TRANSFER OF
MATERIALS ACROSS CANADIAN
TERRITORY

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether anyone with his back to the camera can be made to be heard. May I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Has the United States government sought and obtained the permission of the Canadian government to transport across our territory germs and other materials to be used at biological warfare test centres in Alaska and Greenland?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for giving me notice of his question. I think it ought to be asked of the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, no such request has been received.

Mr. Lewis: May I direct a supplementary question to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs. Are such flights being made over Canadian territory and do these flights carry very dangerous germs and other materials? If that is so will the minister make inquiries about the matter?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, under our arrangement with the United States it is expected that before any such flights are made there will be consultation with Canada. I would therefore be rather surprised if the speculation advanced by the hon. member turns out to be warranted.

Mr. Lewis: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are we to gather from the minister's answer that the Canadian government until now has not been consulted on the matter at all?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, no permission for such flights has been sought.

Mr. Lewis: That is no answer, Mr. Speaker.

VISIT OF MINISTER TO SCANDINAVIA

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of reports that the Secretary of State for External Affairs is presently visiting Scandinavia to carry the gospel of Canada's continuing interest in NATO to Finland and Sweden, that minister having been reported to declare that he did not go to Stockholm to meet Chinese diplomats, will the Prime

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister tell us the reason for the visit to Scandinavia at this time, when the session has a few days only to run and when the minister's presence is needed here?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Hillsborough.

AIRPORTS

CHARLOTTETOWN—INQUIRY AS TO EXTENSION
OF TERMINAL

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport which is prompted by a reply given the other day to my question concerning the much needed extension of Charlottetown airport. Will the minister have another look at this very important and, indeed, urgent matter with a view to giving it a far higher priority than seemed to be indicated the other day?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I shall be glad to review the matter.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since we need adequate instrument landing facilities at Charlottetown or Summerside airports and since facilities at these airports are outdated and inadequate for the maintenance of proper jet service, will the minister reconsider his department's answer to the effect that the necessary new equipment will not be installed at the earliest until 1972 or 1973?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I will be pleased to look into that.

GRAIN

WHEAT—REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION
TO MEET LOWER PRAIRIE INCOME

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Now that the minister has had ample time to study the report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture on its western tour, what action is the government contemplating in solving the serious cash shortage of the western grain grower?

An hon. Member: The minister has no answer.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I must advise the hon. member that there was debate on this very subject which lasted all day yesterday and all evening. If he is asking the