

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPLACEMENT OF CF-101B AIRCRAFT

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): My question is for the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister say when we can expect an announcement in reference to the equipping of our air force with an improved version of the CF-101B?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): The proposal for an exchange of our present inventory of 101's for a more advanced version of the same aircraft is now in the stage of discussions between officials of my department and those of the Department of External Affairs with their counterparts in the United States. I expect that we will have an announcement to make in a matter of five or six weeks.

Mr. Schumacher: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: May I ask the co-operation of hon. members? Since there are just a few minutes left in the question period, perhaps we might keep supplementary questions for the next sitting of the House.

UNITED NATIONS

CANADIAN POSITION ON PROPOSED WORLD YOUTH CONFERENCE

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can he explain to the House what Canada's position is or will be at the United Nations with regard to the possibility of a world youth conference, whether Canada is prepared to help financially and, if so, how much?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I could not answer all those questions now, as I would have to make reference to the files. I can say, however, that in principle we are supporting the youth conference. We are prepared to offer financial assistance that seems to us to be appropriate to Canada's interest in the matter. The problem lies elsewhere in the attitude of other countries toward the financing of this youth conference and it is by no means an assured success.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN FINANCING FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Acting Prime Minister. Has the government reached a decision on whether to co-operate with countries such as the United States and Britain in financing programs to promote family planning, particularly in underdeveloped countries with rapidly expanding populations?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, the matter is still under consideration.

GRAIN

WHEAT—ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM—USE OF PFAA PERSONNEL FOR CHECKING PURPOSES

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for Operation Lift. In view of the fact that the government plans to spend at least \$1 million on checking the summerfallow acreages of those western farmers who apply for funds under the wheat acreage reduction plan, would the minister consider having the present PFAA personnel carry out this acreage check rather than pay some private air firm a million dollars to spy on farmers from the air, as is presently contemplated?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, the aerial survey technique is widely recognized as perhaps the most satisfactory way of readily determining what the situation is with regard to the use of land, and of course the aerial survey results will be used by the PFAA team which will have the direct administration of the program.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: We just agreed a moment ago, at least I think tacitly, to forgo supplementaries in order to have as many members as possible participate in what remains of the question period.

NATIONAL REVENUE

WESTERN MANITOBA POSTAL SERVICE CUSTOMS CLEARANCES

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Minister of National Revenue has a reply to the question I posed the other day with respect to centralization of customs mail clearance facilities.

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, mail entering Canada