

*Inquiries of the Ministry***NATIONAL DEFENCE****PARTICIPATION BY ARMED FORCES IN LOCAL EVENTS**

federal government has made a direct loan to a municipality in Canada? In other words, must the municipalities go through the provinces in order to obtain a loan?

[*English*]

Mr. Gordon: In almost all cases, Mr. Speaker, it is the province that decides, as my hon. friend has suggested. But under the Act there is provision for the Federal Government to act directly if the province concerned wishes it to do so, and I think this was the case with one or two provinces.

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. It might be the case that the \$400 million appropriated by Parliament would not be used up at the end of the program. Would the Minister consider giving a further allocation to the provinces which have exhausted their funds, on the understanding that any applications outstanding would be financed only if any money was left over from the \$400 million?

Mr. Gordon: I think, Mr. Speaker, I have made this reasonably clear. I have pointed out to my hon. friend that this particular measure was designed to spur employment opportunities quickly, and it succeeded in doing that. It was not intended as a permanent source of finance for the municipalities. Parliament in its wisdom decided that the program should terminate on March 31, 1966. That is provided for in the Act. Unless the Act is changed that is what will take place, and I have been saying that we are not proposing to change the act.

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, since the Minister has become a coiner of words as well as a minter of money, will he take steps to suppress that horror which he used twice today—"additionality"?

Mr. Gordon: Mr. Speaker, I have already had a note of protest about this particular word from the hon. Member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands. When I came to the word some hon. Members may have noticed that I paused—I paused or choked—because I did not like it. It is a form of jargon which I deplore. However, it has been widely used, and I did not think it was up to me at this late date to choose another word.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, the basis for my question is the military parade which will take place on Saturday, which I think most of us agree is a very good thing. However, it is apparently contradictory to the policy of the Government in refusing requests for participation in local parades, air shows and local fairs across the nation. I am referring specifically to the refusal of a request for the traditional fly-past at the opening of the exhibition in my home city, an event which has been carried on for 25 years, and the air show on the Pacific coast, which has recently been rejected—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Thompson: Is the Minister considering reversing this policy so that our permanent military forces can take part in these local fairs and air shows across the nation?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): The policy which has been in effect for a number of years does make provision for participation in the celebration of armed forces days across the country and at the international air show in Toronto, the Calgary air show and so on. With respect to participation by planes in local activities, this question is under study to determine whether the regulations can be relaxed. As soon as a decision has been taken I will be glad to inform the hon. Member.

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Can the Minister of National Defence tell us the approximate cost of the super-spectacle on Saturday?

Mr. Hellyer: The Associate Minister has taken this question as notice and I think he will be answering it in a day or two.

WATER LEVELS**QUEBEC—LETTER RESPECTING RAIN MAKING OPERATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Can the minister tell us whether he has received today a letter from the Weather Engineering Service, and can he also tell us