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is difficult, but it does not mean that they are advised to go to any community where housing is available. They are advised on the basis of what suitable employment opportunities are available. When they arrive, the same facilities of the immigration division and the Canada manpower centres are available in such communities, to assist the newcomers in becoming established, as are available to immigrants destined to the larger cities of Canada.

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister advise us whether the department has broken down the Canadian cities into these various categories, and if so could this information be made available to us?

Mr. Marchand: I will take notice of this question.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**NATO—REMOVAL OF FORCES FROM FRANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BASES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (Queens-Lunenburg): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the regulation laid down by the government of France with regard to our NATO bases and those of other countries, has a decision of been reached to move our forces from Metz and Marville and, if so, what are the names of our new bases?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, a decision has been made to move in accordance with the requirement of the French government's note. I am afraid I cannot yet give the details to the house because negotiations are continuing in respect of the move and the various facets of it.

NATURAL GAS**ACTION OF U.S. COMMISSION RESPECTING PROPOSED PIPE LINE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, I have a question of a slightly more serious nature for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Would the minister comment on the status of the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines application to the United States federal power commission in respect of their eastern route?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps that question more appropriately should be [Mr. Marchand.]

addressed to my colleague who is responsible for that aspect of the problem.

Mr. Winkler: May I then direct the question to the appropriate minister—I think the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources—and later I would hope that the Minister of Trade and Commerce would comment on my previous question.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Would the hon. member kindly repeat his question.

Mr. Winkler: Could the minister, for the benefit of the house and Canada, comment on the status of the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines application to the United States federal power commission for its eastern route?

Mr. Pepin: The United States federal power commission's presiding examiner has asked that further evidence be presented. In the case of Panhandle he asked that evidence be presented by February 10, in the case of Northern Natural Gas, by March 1.

This evidence will be on two subjects; first, the effects of the undertakings on which Trans-Canada Pipe Lines has agreed with the Canadian government; and second, the proposal presented by the staff of the federal power commission. We are watching closely these developments.

Mr. Winkler: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. There seems to be a negative attitude at the moment with regard to this application, particularly in the United States, and I wonder whether it could possibly be in the area of retaliation.

Mr. Pepin: No, Mr. Speaker. I might add though something else I have already said and which appeared in *Hansard* of January 19:

I can guarantee the hon. member—

That was the hon. member for Timmins.

—that we are taking these precautions. We have asked the company—

That is Trans-Canada.

—to keep us informed on alternative planning—which it is doing now—in case the federal power commission refuses to accept the Great lakes project in its present form.

So not only are we keeping in touch with events in Washington but we are going as far as possible in planning for an alternative project if the present one is rejected by the federal power commission.