

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** So the bomb is still there and it has not exploded.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, it is not often that a minister can remember with such exactitude what has been asked, and answer with such indefiniteness. Regardless of the bomb not having exploded to date, has the minister or his department given consideration to the removal of the Crowsnest Pass rates?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, the only thing I can state this afternoon, and I think this is very important, is that the only matters which are under consideration by the department or the ministry are those matters which have been submitted to the ministers of transport for the western provinces, and we are satisfied that the agenda really corresponds to the problems that exist.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I know how deeply concerned the minister is. Let us now have a little definiteness rather than this playing around with the House of Commons. Is the minister or is he not going to remove the Crowsnest Pass rates, or is he giving consideration thereto? I can only conclude that unless he answers he intends to.

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, I think the right hon. gentleman already has the answer. He knows very well that if the Crowsnest Past rates had been put on the agenda for our meetings in the west he would have heard about it and the press would have heard about it, so that means this is not the problem with which we are concerned.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Good. Tell the Minister of Justice.

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## FISHERIES

### SEALING—POSSIBLE CHANGE IN REGULATIONS

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question relating to comments made by the minister of fisheries to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry on October 17, at which time he expressed certain reservations regarding seal hunting regulations and how they should be applied. Would the minister indicate to the House whether he is contemplating any changes in the sealing fisheries regulations?

**Hon. Romeo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, I did say to the committee that whenever people's livelihood and incomes were involved I was ready to review and have a second look at anything, and I maintain that position. Yesterday at a luncheon meeting with Dr. Ronald, who is chairman of the advisory committee which advises the minister on this particular issue, I received his report. I intend to read it carefully and discuss it with Cabinet. Thankfully this is an area in which we have some lead time since the season does not open until March. I will obviously undertake to consult with the committee on any decision concerning any new regulations.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

### POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF PRICE SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that the minister met yesterday with the Newfoundland fisheries minister along with other officials and people connected with the fishing industry, and that one of the matters discussed was price support for the industry. Can the minister tell the House if it is the government's intention to extend the price support? I think originally it was planned for a four month's period.

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**Hon. Romeo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, I hope that this matter will be discussed at this week's cabinet meeting, following which I will inform the hon. member.

### INABILITY OF FISHERMEN TO FILL QUOTAS BECAUSE OF STRIKE AT PLANT OF FRESHWATER FISH CORPORATION—ELIGIBILITY OF FISHERMEN FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

**Hon. Romeo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet, and with your permission, I should like to answer a question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Selkirk regarding the effects of the strike by the Freshwater Fish Corporation employees in Transcona on fishermen who have not yet filled their quotas. It is my understanding that the majority of fishermen from the Lake Winnipeg area had caught most of their quota before the strike began. I am advised that it will take some time before the province of Manitoba and the corporation will have sufficiently detailed information to determine how many fishermen had in fact reached their quota. As for the problem of UIC and the Canada Pension Plan, these matters are being actively discussed in the departments involved, as I indicated yesterday.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

### ALLEGED INFILTRATION INTO CANADA OF C.I.A.—KNOWLEDGE OF ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

**Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the hon. Solicitor General.

Following the report presented yesterday on the CBC French network about the infiltration into Canada, and particularly into Quebec, of the C.I.A., with supporting proof and evidence, would the minister be prepared to make a statement on motions about the extent of those intelligence activities which our country apparently does not escape and inform the House of the government's position on that matter?

[English]

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, last night I did not see the broadcast referred to, but I have asked for a text of what was said on the broadcast. I will investigate the charges made there and report to the House.