

Northern Affairs and National Resources; nothing more than a general discussion.

With respect to the matter, there is no thought whatsoever on the part of Canada at the moment to make the contribution requested, or any contribution to the plan in question as suggested by the senator.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER ON POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Can he advise the house as to when the white paper on defence will be available for distribution to hon. members?

Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, it will be available for distribution before my estimates are brought down.

Mr. McIlraith: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the very important statement made today by the Prime Minister I wonder if the Minister of National Defence would give some consideration to advising us in a little more definite language as to when it may be expected.

Mr. Pearkes: A decision has now been reached with respect to policy, and it will therefore be possible to proceed with the preparation of the paper. Until this decision was reached it would have been of little value to issue the white paper. Preparation of the white paper will now be pressed on with, and it will be in hon. members' hands before my estimates are presented. Hon. members will recall that in the past the white paper has been issued a day or two before the minister has presented his estimates.

CANADA-U.S.—STATEMENT ON JOINT PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. G. R. Pearkes (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, yesterday afternoon the hon. member for Vancouver East asked a question about a speech which had been made by General Foulkes, chairman of the chiefs of staff, in Ottawa the day before, and I said at that time I had not had an opportunity of reading the comments. General Foulkes was discussing before a group of businessmen, both Americans and Canadians, developments which had taken place in connection with economic co-operation, and was tracing the developments from the time the statement of principles for economic co-operation had been

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agreed to by our two governments in 1950. I had seen the text of General Foulkes' report before it was given, and I concurred in it.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

REQUEST FOR FIGURES OF EMPLOYMENT UNDER MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. L. Houck (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour a question. Could the minister give us the latest figures for the number of municipal incentive projects approved and the number of men working across Canada as a result of this program?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question asked by the hon. member for Niagara Falls I wish to state that the latest figures we have compiled are as of February 13. There have been 1,511 applications accepted from municipalities across Canada, and according to the figures submitted to us from the municipalities this would give employment to some 25,000 workers.

AIR TRANSPORT

CANADIAN PACIFIC AIR LINES—SERVICE BETWEEN VANCOUVER AND PRINCE RUPERT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Skeena asked if we had received any representations regarding a direct air service between Prince Rupert and Vancouver. I told him I would have to check with the air transport board. I have now had an opportunity to do so, and I find that we have received no representations of that kind.

CRIMINAL CODE

INQUIRY AS TO PROTECTION AGAINST WIRE-TAPPING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. W. Martin (Timmins): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice but in his absence I shall direct it to the Prime Minister. I know that one of his many accomplishments is the fact that he is a highly distinguished member of the bar, and he will be fully capable of answering my question.

In view of the charges that the C.B.C. has used wire tapping, and in view of the very commendable stand taken by Mayor Phillips of Toronto and other Toronto municipal officials in regard to the practice of wire-tapping, as reported on the front page of today's *Globe and Mail*, could the Prime