

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 2, 1961

The house met at 11 a.m.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

INQUIRY AS TO EXPORT OF CF-100 PLANES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, as the lone member who appears to wish to take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions, I wish to address a "simsicle" question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Would the minister inform the house whether any organization or person has applied for an export permit for the CF-100's sold to Westbourne Supply Company by Crown Assets Disposal Corporation?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I received notice of the hon. member's intention to ask this question just as I was coming into the house. I am not aware of any application, but I am having my department check the matter and will advise the house as soon as I have obtained the information.

[Later:]

Mr. Hees: In reply to the question put to me earlier by the hon. member for Kootenay West with regard to export permits for aircraft, may I say that no such applications have been received.

INQUIRY AS TO FLYING CONDITION OF SURPLUS CF-100 PLANES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Associate Minister of National Defence. In view of press reports to the effect that Mr. Louis Richard, president of Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, is checking the claim of Mr. James McMaster that the 11 CF-100's recently sold to him by the corporation are in condition to be flown, would the minister inform the house later of the result of this investigation?

Hon. Pierre Sevigny (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I believe this question should be addressed to the Minister of Defence Production (Mr. O'Hurley). However, since I note that he is not in his seat I will take this question as notice, and will also give the required information to the hon. gentleman at a later date.

REPORTED CLOSING OF U.S. RADAR STATIONS IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. R. Granger (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): I should like to ask a question of the Associate Minister of National Defence. In view of the announcement of the closing of three United States Pinetree radar stations and six gap filler stations along Canada's northeast coast and in Newfoundland, has the minister any comment to make regarding the closing of these stations?

Hon. Pierre Sevigny (Associate Minister of National Defence): I will answer this question early next week, Mr. Speaker, and will give precise information to the hon. member.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillington): If I may do so, I should like to ask the hon. gentleman a supplementary question. Can the hon. gentleman say whether any increased activity is contemplated in the radar station at Sydney?

Mr. Sevigny: I believe that the best answer to the hon. gentleman is the same as that which I gave to the hon. member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador. I will inform him next week concerning the details.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION IN QUESTION ON ORDER PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. J. McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the house would permit me to request a correction to question No. 241 which appears at page 18 of today's *Routine Proceedings and Orders of the Day*. The word "yardcraft" which appears in parts 1 and 2 of the question should be replaced by the words "auxiliary vessels".

REQUEST TO REVERT TO MOTIONS AT NOON THIS DAY

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, a simultaneous announcement is to be made at noon today with respect to arrangements entered into at the meeting of the consortium regarding India. I shall therefore be asking, provided that the house will agree, for reversion to motions at 12 o'clock so the announcement can be made. This announcement cannot be made in advance of that hour.