Inquiries of the Ministry

when I may expect an answer to my question No. 1,494 dealing with alleged wire tapping by the R.C.M.P. in Toronto, which was placed on the order paper a month ago.

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): The answer has been prepared, and it will be made available to the hon. member the next time questions are called.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPORTED STATEMENT BY MINISTER RESPECTING INTEGRATION OF SERVICES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. Has the minister any explanation to give to the house concerning his recently reported statement to the effect that his plans for the integration of the armed services cannot be implemented within two years but will be delayed indefinitely?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Yes. It was an inaccurate quotation. The Canadian Press inaccurately reported what I said. I believe they have sent out a "kill" on that story and issued the correct story.

Mr. Churchill: Could we have the correct story here, instead of being dependant on the press; because we like to hear from the minister?

Mr. Hellyer: I do not like to be repetitious, bearing in mind the rules of this house.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): I think the house would excuse the hon. gentleman being repetitious. This is information to which we are entitled. The view has been expressed and widely disseminated that he said integration would not be completed within two years but would take a very considerably longer period. What did the minister say? Let him tell us so that we do not have to depend on the uncertainties of the press.

Mr. Hellyer: I will send my right hon. friend a transcript of the entire broadcast.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I must say to my hon. friend that my time would be much better spent otherwise.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I must say that I find this announcement by the Minister of National Defence, but with

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the minister refusing to give the house what he has given to the press, amounts to a denial of the rights of hon. members of this house. This matter affects us directly, and I do not think these statements should be given to us through any leaky bucket.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, on the same question of privilege, I have already said—and if I did not make it clear I will do so now—that there was no new information in the broadcast, and that what appeared to be new information was an incorrect report.

INQUIRY AS TO RECOVERY OF STOLEN ARMS AND AMMUNITION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence arising out of the fact that activities are now being carried on in Montreal by some young people claiming to be members of the reborn F.L.Q. I would ask the minister whether he is now prepared to answer the question I asked him on May 7 as to whether all the arms which were recovered are in fact the total amount of arms stolen from the armouries in Montreal earlier this year.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer the question from memory. I think practically all of them were recovered, but I will take the question as notice and give my hon. friend a precise answer tomorrow.

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): A supplementary question to the Minister of Justice. Could the Minister of Justice inform the house whether in his view alien influences are behind the activities of these individuals in question?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I would have to take this question as notice.

EQUALIZATION OF PAY FOR PREVAILING RATES EMPLOYEES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Associate Minister of National Defence in regard to the urgency of the situation of prevailing rate employees at the Dana R.C.A.F. station. Is he in a position to answer the question I asked the Minister of National Defence yesterday?