

NORAD—INTERCEPT ACTIVITIES AGAINST
STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND PLANES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): May I address a question to the Minister of National Defence—I regret no notice has been given—and ask him whether orders have been given prohibiting air intercept activity by NORAD planes against aircraft of the United States strategic air command.

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Minister of National Defence): Not as far as I am aware, Mr. Speaker.

IMMIGRATION ACT

INQUIRY AS TO DECISION IN RELATION TO BILL
OF RIGHTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he has any observation to make on a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada that the Immigration Act supersedes the bill of rights and is the supreme authority, and that the bill of rights passed by this parliament is subservient to the Immigration Act.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): I have not had the opportunity as yet of studying the judgment in question. In any event, I would have no observation to make on the Supreme Court of Canada in the discharge of its responsibilities.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

SARNIA, ONT.—INSTALMENT PAYMENT ON SALE
OF LAND

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillingate): I wonder if I may address a question to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and ask whether the firm known as Dimensional Investments Limited has yet made the payment which is already in default in connection with the Indian land at Sarnia.

Mr. John Charlton (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): I think I mentioned previously in answer to a question on the subject that the firm had 30 days grace in which to make the payment. That time has not yet elapsed.

Mr. Pickersgill: But has the payment yet been made?

Mr. Charlton: I will obtain that information and give it to the hon. member tomorrow.

Supply—Agriculture

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the order made earlier this day, is it agreed that I do now leave the chair by unanimous consent without question put, for the house to resolve itself into committee of supply, the order covering both today and tomorrow?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. MacEwan in the chair.

(Translation):

AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL PRICES STABILIZATION

Mr. Samuel Boulanger (Drummond-Arthabaska): Mr. Speaker, before this first item is passed, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture whether he could make a statement concerning agricultural prices stabilization for the year 1961-62, and especially as regards milk products.

(Text):

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): The government still has this matter under consideration. There has been no announcement yet.

Mr. Boulanger: When does the minister expect to make an announcement with regard to the price of butter and cheese especially, and powdered milk?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): The same answer applies; this is still under consideration.

Mr. Regier: It is not very often that I have the privilege of speaking to an item of the Department of Agriculture. However, I cannot easily forget that I represent an industrial area. Many of the people of my constituency are pensioners, either because they are veterans of world war I or world war II or are old age pensioners. However, the bulk of the constituents whom I represent are industrial workers.

I may assure the minister at once that the industrial workers of my constituency are very much concerned about the welfare of agriculture. These union members in my riding remember very well the appeal of the Prime Minister who at the time was a leading spokesman in the opposition. They recall when the member for Prince Albert at that time, now our Prime Minister, raised his finger in anger at the prime minister of the day and said, "Canadian agriculture demands parity, not charity."

I have spoken to a great many people at many labour meetings and meetings of unionists, and each and every time I have appealed to them on behalf of agriculture for parity instead of charity they have responded. I well