

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, we have been preparing amendments for some time but we have been holding them in abeyance until we have an opportunity to digest properly the Woods report. The tabling of the Woods report does not mean that these amendments will be brought forward in the very near future. In fact I see no possibility of these amendments being brought before the house in this session.

**Mr. Lewis:** I have a supplementary question. I hope that digesting the Woods report will not do the minister any harm. I should like to ask him whether his answer means that the amendments which are being prepared by his department are not related to the Woods report, do not stem from it or do derive from the suggestions made in the report.

**Mr. Mackasey:** The report was authorized by the prime minister of the time to provide the department with some guidance and with the observations of the task force which, as hon. members know, is basically and essentially comprised of experienced intellectuals in the field of labour. The legislation proposed may or may not reflect the view of the task force. Certainly, in view of their exhaustive report, their findings should at least be taken into consideration.

[Translation]

**DEFENCE PRODUCTION**

DAVIE SHIPBUILDING LTD., LAUZON—  
BUILDING OF DESTROYERS

**Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Defence Production. Can he assure the house that the building, by 1970 as announced, of two destroyers by the Davie Shipbuilding Ltd., in Lauzon, will not be postponed?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member to put his question on the order paper.

**Mr. Dumont:** The question is urgent, Mr. Speaker. Ten o'clock.

[English]

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

NEWFOUNDLAND—AUTHORITY FOR SEARCHES

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, after listening to all the questions on guided missiles today, I have a question for the Solicitor General on certain misguided

[Mr. Lewis.]

missiles. Can the minister say on what authority and on whose orders members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are conducting detailed house-to-house searches in the communities of Freshwater, Dunneville and Placentia, three Newfoundland communities adjacent to the U.S. naval base in Argentina.

**Mr. Speaker:** I wonder whether the hon. member might not agree that his question should be discussed at the time of adjournment.

**Mr. Carter:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. This is a matter of great urgency and importance to the people of these three Newfoundland communities. They are being subjected to R.C.M.P. searches and their homes are being entered by members of the R.C.M.P.

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest that there is no point in debating this matter. If there is urgency, which is not apparent to the Chair, perhaps the minister will reply to the question.

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Not having received notice of this question, I have no information about the searches to which the hon. member is referring, but I will be glad to inquire into the matter. I would remind the hon. member that in addition to their duties as a federal police force, the R.C.M.P. also perform on a contract basis the police functions which are the responsibility of the provincial government. However I will be glad to look into the matter and see whether I can bring forward an answer. I would appreciate it if the hon. member would give me any information he has on the subject.

**Mr. Carter:** Can the minister inform the house whether it is the policy of the government to utilize general search warrants and, in this case United States servicemen, in connection with the enforcement of customs excise regulations, and whether the government approves placing Canadian citizens in the position of having to prove their innocence when a police search turns up goods of United States manufacture for which no bill of sale is available?

**BANKRUPTCY**

FINANCIAL POSITION OF COMMONWEALTH  
TRUST AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** A few days ago, Mr. Speaker, I directed two questions to the Minister of Consumer