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(g) In presenting the current proposal, emphasis should be placed on misleading advertising.

(h) Merchants were pressing for government assistance by way of credit to small businesses. They were more interested in this than the bill to amend the Combines Act. In the circumstances, it would be wiser to drop the latter and introduce something more substantial for small business next year.

7. The Cabinet agreed that the Minister of Justice request the unanimous consent of the House of Commons to withdraw the order for second reading of the bill to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Criminal Code, in order that he could introduce a new bill containing only the provisions in the present bill for the protection of small business and a clause to deal with the fishing situation in British Columbia.

Authorization to photograph Arrow aircraft
(Previous reference July 2)

8. The Cabinet agreed that now that the classified equipment on the surplus Arrow (CF-105) aircraft had been removed, there would be no objection to authorizing photographs of the aircraft itself for publication.

Cost of Lockheed F-104G programme

9. The Cabinet agreed that the Minister of Defence Production should give to the House of Commons soon the government's estimate of \$420 million for the cost of the new Lockheed F-104G programme, in order to offset the erroneous impression that the programme would cost approximately \$250 million.

Gut Dam claims; alternative course of action
(Previous reference July 3)

10. The Secretary of State for External Affairs reviewed the history of the claims arising out of the construction of the Gut Dam in the St. Lawrence River which had been built in 1903 and removed in 1953. He noted that the International Lake Ontario Board of Engineers, established by the International Joint Commission to consider the problem of regulation of water levels of Lake Ontario, had submitted reports on the subject, one of which dealt with the effects of the Gut Dam on the level of Lake Ontario. He reviewed a number of alternative courses of action which might be followed for disposing of the claims and made recommendations as to how the government might now proceed in this matter.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated, (Memorandum, Secretary of State for External Affairs, June 23 - Cab. Doc. 186-59).