

he said.

When training of junior RCAF officers has been completed, they will replace the U.S. personnel, the minister added.

Both Mr. Pearkes and Prime Minister Diefenbaker displayed irritation yesterday when questioned about the northern radar chain by Liberal leader Pearson, Hon. Paul Hellyer, and Mervyn Hardie (Lib., Mackenzie river).

"It has been explained a good many times in this House," said the defence minister.

"This question has been dealt with over and over again and the previous answers were sufficient to answer any questions today," Mr. Diefenbaker snapped when Mr. Pearson asked if Canada was now operating the

there, and the eventual posting of another 12 to take over the duties formerly handled by 20 U.S. air force officers.

Earlier this month the government also disclosed operation of the Dew line is being handled under contract by a U.S. company, Federal Electric Corp., with the U.S. government paying the costs.

Mr. Hardie asked if all these U.S. workers would be replaced by Canadians. "The answer to that is no," replied Mr. Pearkes.

Behind the Liberal query was the knowledge that Canadians still must get U.S. clearance to visit the Dew line, that the line still is run by a U.S. civilian firm and that the U.S. is still paying the cost of operation of it.