

Canadian Transport Commission to allow evidence to be given regarding the tie-up between Northern Electric and Bell Telephone and, if so, will he undertake to study the matter to find ways of amending the relevant legislation so that this important information can be made public?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, it has now been drawn to my attention and I will be very glad to look into it.

TOURISM

LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR USE OF CANADIANS ABROAD

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether he is considering limiting amounts of money that Canadian tourists can take out of the country on trips abroad?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the question directed in different terms might be placed on the order paper.

LABOUR RELATIONS

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE OF AUTONOMOUS STATUS OF CANADIAN UNION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Labour asking him, in view of the governments expressed concern about American take-overs, whether he can assure us that the proponents of continued Canadian autonomy within the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and Transport Workers union are having a fair chance to present their case in the face of the determination of the unions' top brass to merge it with the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks?

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I would imagine that the hon. member, who has been associated for so many years in a progressive manner with the labour movement, would be the last one to suggest that we interfere with the internal operations of the union. I am sure he would expect that in a union, if in no other organization, democracy should prevail and that members should have a full opportunity to express their opinions on this subject.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, instead of that gratuitous lecture I wonder whether the minister would mind answering the question?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Labour whether he agrees that everything is possible to the Babe Ruth of the bargaining table?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister cannot answer questions which are out of order.

An hon. Member: Casey at the bat.

Mr. Hees: You struck out that time, Bryce.

An hon. Member: He looks like Babe Ruth.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

NATO—POSSIBLE CANADIAN INELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN NUCLEAR PLANNING

Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour): Mr. Speaker, can the Prime Minister inform the house whether Canada's intended NATO plans mean that we might become ineligible for membership in NATO's nuclear planning group and thus lose whatever influence we now have on NATO nuclear planning and strategy?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this question is argumentative and is not acceptable when asked in those terms.

IMMIGRATION

FAILURE TO DECLARE TAPE RECORDER AT BORDER POINT

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Revenue whether he has undertaken an investigation, as he said he would, in respect of an American who smuggled a tape recorder into this country through a customs point?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, regarding this alleged smuggling into Canada of a tape recorder, in the absence of identification of the individual concerned, I have had to assume he is the person described in the press as a deserter from the United States armed forces who entered Canada and was admitted as a provisional landed immigrant at the Port of Lansdowne.

It is a matter of policy not to reveal what goods are declared by individuals at customs nor to give publicity to seizures made of goods not declared and subject to seizure and penalties, where the goods are for personal use and not for commercial purposes. An inquiry is being made into the matter and I