

**Mr. Whelan:** I was not aware they were not getting the advantage of that in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. I am given to understand that most of their milk supply is shipped in, that the five cents subsidy is included, and that milk would be five cents a quart higher there if it were not. I understand this has been taken into consideration because most of the milk now comes from outside the area.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Would the Minister of Agriculture consult with his colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, in order to assure northern Canadians that they are getting the benefit of that subsidy?

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### AIRPORTS

#### CLOSING OF VANCOUVER AIRPORT BECAUSE OF WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES BY FIREFIGHTERS—ACTION TO REOPEN

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport with regard to Vancouver international airport which is closed down this morning because of the withdrawal of the services of the firefighters. In view of the fact the Department of Labour has been ordered not to touch this situation, and in view of the fact the President of the Treasury Board refuses to negotiate, can the minister advise the House what action he plans to take in respect of the fireman at Vancouver international airport to make sure they go back to work so that the Vancouver international airport will be reopened?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, it is a sorry situation. I think the hon. member should have given the whole picture. We are in communication with the firefighters and Treasury Board is in communication with the firefighters. Even the Public Service Alliance has some problems in communicating with its own members. The firefighters refuse to follow the route they have accepted—arbitration. This is the whole situation. I do not put blame on anybody, but do not try to exploit the situation in that way. We are doing all we can to open the airport.

**Mr. Reynolds:** Is it not a fact that negotiations broke off last night at midnight and that the firefighters cannot get anywhere with this government and that you just refuse to talk to them?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, the only fact that is true is that the firefighters at Vancouver are bound to go to arbitration when they have a grievance. They are bound by the law. This is the route they have chosen and they have decided to withdraw from this route and have notified that they are withdrawing from work this morning. These are the facts. Notwithstanding that, we are trying to see how we can solve the problem.

### Oral Questions

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### PUBLICATION OF BROCHURE BY CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE IN PARIS WITH MAP INDICATING THAT LABRADOR IS PART OF QUEBEC

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I have given him notice. It concerns a brochure published under the direction of the Canadian cultural centre in Paris, which has been widely circulated in certain European countries and in which there is a deliberate and offensive misrepresentation of Canadian political boundaries affecting eastern Canada in that the territory of Labrador is shown in the brochure as belonging to Quebec when it in fact belongs to Newfoundland. Can the minister explain to the House how this happened and what steps he has taken to withdraw this brochure?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I entirely agree with the hon. gentleman. This is a most inaccurate and most offensive change in the boundaries of Canada. I have ordered that the map be withdrawn.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE

##### DISQUALIFICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF CANADIAN CITIZEN BORN IN NEWFOUNDLAND ON BASIS OF CITIZENSHIP

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, by way of a supplementary may I ask the Solicitor General to explain to the House how it is possible for a Canadian citizen born in the province of Newfoundland to be disqualified, in this our twenty-fifth anniversary year as a province of Canada, by one of his officials on the basis of citizenship in respect of employment with the federal government?

● (1130)

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that question is not supplementary to the first question. It may be related. However, the question has been asked and the minister may reply.

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I just learned about this case a few minutes ago from the hon. member and I will be pleased to find out. I must agree with him. I do not know how they can disqualify the person either.

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#### AIRPORTS

##### VANCOUVER—NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS ON DUTY

**Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact there have been only eight men on duty at a given time responsible for operating the firefighting equipment at the Vancouver airport, thus leaving no one actually to carry on the removal of passengers, I would ask