

lected gutter gossip and because of the participation of Canadian police forces including those of Montreal and Toronto, the OPP and the federal Department of Manpower and Immigration in LEIU, has the minister investigated the charges made against LEIU?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the RCMP does not belong to this organization and does not contribute or receive any information. As a result, I cannot say anything more about it. We have no information about that organization.

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT—SUGGESTED
INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITIES BY DEPARTMENT OF
MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): May I put a supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration? In light of the fact that his department does belong to LEIU, can the minister assure the House that the allegations of improper activities of LEIU by the Houston, Texas police department which were subsequently confirmed by the Atlanta, Georgia police department are being investigated?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I do not know anything about this organization. I will take note of the hon. member's comments and look into it and try to get the information.

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TRANSPORT

SUGGESTION BY NOVA SCOTIA NO INCREASE IN FREIGHT
RATES UNTIL NEW TRANSPORTATION POLICY ANNOUNCED—
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the development minister of Nova Scotia has said that further increases in freight rates must not be imposed until the Nova Scotia government has received, and the federal government has considered, a new national transportation policy, may I ask the minister if he agrees with his Liberal colleague in the Nova Scotia cabinet on this matter?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Unfortunately, I have not read the statement of the Nova Scotia minister, Mr. Speaker. If the hon. member will send me a copy of what he said, then I can tell if it is the policy of the government.

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to send the minister a copy of the statement. Will the minister agree that the Nova Scotia minister should be in a position to see clearly both the immediate and the longer-term impact that a further scheduled freight rate increase would have on investment and jobs in the province of Nova Scotia?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, a lot of people are going to see their way clear and probably the minister in Nova Scotia is one of them.

Oral Questions

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POSSIBLE ENLARGEMENT OF NATO CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE
CONTRACTUAL LINK MORE ACCEPTABLE TO EUROPEAN
COMMON MARKET

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the Prime Minister's desire to forge a contractual link with the European Common Market, will he be going to the NATO summit meeting prepared to enlarge Canada's NATO contribution as a means of making the contractual link more acceptable to the European Common Market countries?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, I do not link the two organizations as directly as the hon. gentleman seems to in his question. Our position in NATO has been stated before and it remains the same. In so far as the contractual link is concerned, I will be visiting Denmark for one day and Luxembourg for one day. During those visits, I shall be talking about contractual links.

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FISHERIES

GOVERNMENT ACTION TO HAVE UNITED STATES ACCEPT
CANADIAN SWORDFISH

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister and I have given notice of it to his office. Could the right hon. gentleman or one of his ministers advise the House of any initiatives taken by Canada regarding a question posed by me some weeks ago regarding efforts to restore the sale of Canadian caught swordfish to United States markets?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for having notified my office of the question. I am informed that the United States still prohibits the import into all states of swordfish with mercury content in excess of .5 parts per million. That is the situation in the United States and that is the situation in Canada. There is no law against fishing the swordfish of course, providing the fishermen do not sell it to Canada or the United States if it has more than that percentage of mercury. As to whether that is necessary for the protection of the health of Canadians or Americans, I would, of course, defer to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I know of no expertise in my office that would contradict that.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

SUGGESTED FEDERAL ACTION TO ENSURE GAMES TAKE
PLACE IN CANADA

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I address my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Contrary to continuing government statements, I am certain that the Prime Minister is aware that his government is involved up to its neck in the floundering