IMMIGRATION

ALLEGATION ELECTRONICS ENGINEER FROM UNITED STATES IS STRIKE-BREAKER AT NANOOSE BAY—INQUIRY AS TO ADMISSION AND WORK PERMIT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I would like to ask him if the electronic technician, who was flown in by the United States authorities to Nanoose Bay, was granted admission by his department and whether he was granted a work permit. Will the minister investigate and ascertain whether this man is legally in Canada and legally permitted to indulge in strike-breaking activities?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the particular incident to which the hon. member is referring, but I will certainly look into it, although it is not the practice of the department to take a stand in these circumstances.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT—SUGGESTED REQUEST OF UNITED STATES FOR MORATORIUM

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs? In view of the false statements made by Congressman Wayne Hays this Tuesday in Washington, to the effect that Canada's objections to the Garrison diversion are not strenuous and that an agreement has been worked out between the two countries, will the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs now get in touch with President Ford and request a moratorium?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it was precisely because of the false impression which had been created by certain people in the United States about the Canadian attitude that I arranged for the Canadian position to be conveyed to the State Department, which conveyed it, in turn, to the Congressional committee. That is the document I tabled in the House the other day.

Mr. McKenzie: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. That document arrived too late. I understand that the \$13 million passed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday, in Washington, for further work on the diversion unit must now be approved by the United States Senate. Will the minister request the Senate not to approve the funds until all the environmental studies are completed?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that the representations which we made arrived too late. They were well known in the State Department. The reason we had them sent specifically to the Congressional committee was that a false impression had been created by certain members of the United States Congress. I do not think there is much more we can do to indicate our very strong opposition; nor can there be any stronger assurance than we have received from the United States administration

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that it will not, in this undertaking, do anything which will damage the Canadian environment. It is an unqualified undertaking by the United States administration and I can think of nothing stronger on which to rely.

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AIR TRANSPORT

PROPOSED OPERATION OF AIRLINE BY MANITOBA—POSSIBLE OBJECTION BY SASKATCHEWAN—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport? Has the minister indicated to the Manitoba government that the federal government does not support the Manitoba government's intention to operate its own airline with which it will link Winnipeg, Brandon, Dauphin, Yorkton and Regina?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Ritchie: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister ascertained Saskatchewan's views on the proposed carrier and, if so, can he tell the House what they are?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid somebody close to me was talking. Would the hon. member please repeat his question?

Mr. Ritchie: Mr. Speaker, my question concerns the Manitoba government's proposed prairie airline. Has the minister ascertained Saskatchewan's views on this proposed carrier and has the Private Carriers' Association lodged a protest with the CTC or the government about the proposed takeover of that route by the Manitoba government's airline?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): No, Mr. Speaker, there have been no negotiations with the government of Saskatchewan. I met with Premier Schreyer yesterday morning and I agreed to his proposal. I hope that we can have the service as soon as it is feasible.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH FLIGHT ATTENDANTS AND EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATIONS—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question either to the Minister of Transport or to the Minister of Labour. Can either of those hon. gentlemen inform the House about the current status of negotiations going on between Air Canada, the Canadian Airline Employees Association and the Canadian Airline Flight Attendants, in view of reports saying that these negotiations have run into difficulty?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, my latest information is that matters are proceeding satisfactorily. I wish the hon. member would be more explicit when he refers to "difficulties".