

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Later:]

Mr. Trudeau: I suppose I ought to revert to motions; there is a fairly long release from the board of directors of Air Canada. But the essence of the reply to the question which was asked a few minutes ago is that the board of directors of Air Canada today at 1.30 announced the appointment of Mr. Yves Pratte, Q.C. of Quebec as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the company, and of Mr. J. R. Baldwin of Ottawa as president. These appointments are effective December 15.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister supplementary to his announcement about Air Canada appointments, and supplementary also to the question asked by the hon. member for Lisgar. Now that the appointments to the two most senior positions in Air Canada have been made, will the government discuss once again with that organization the whole question of the overhaul and maintenance base at Winnipeg in the hope that it may be settled favourably and at an early date?

Mr. Trudeau: The hon. member will have noted that the appointments are effective December 15, and we do not think the question should wait that long to be discussed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Hear, hear.

FISHERIES**REQUEST FOR REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF STRAIGHT BASE LINES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that over-fishing by foreign nationals in Canada's territorial waters has caused a serious decline in our fisheries resources, would he inform the house whether any progress has been made in his discussions with other countries to reach agreement on geographical co-ordinates from which base lines for the 12-mile limit will be drawn?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take notice of that question.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

INDIAN AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO RELEASE OF HAWTHORN REPORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development may I direct a question to the hon. member for Port Arthur in his capacity, I assume, of acting minister, and ask when the house and the public might expect to receive the remainder of the Hawthorn report relating to Indian affairs?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I shall take notice of the question and advise the hon. member as soon as possible when the rest of the report will be released.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF DISPUTE WITH TECHNICIANS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State, who I see is not present in the house; therefore perhaps his parliamentary secretary can take notice of it. I would like to ask the minister whether a tentative agreement has been reached between negotiators for the C.B.C. and the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians. I ask this question, Mr. Speaker, because apparently if such an agreement has not been reached we cannot avert a blackout of television and radio programming.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I would think this question should be placed on the order paper.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE**ROOMS RESERVED IN LONDON FOR CANADIAN DELEGATION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Can he say how many people he is taking to the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in London, and what is the purpose of the 26 rooms reserved for this delegation at the posh Claridges Hotel in London?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me this is a repetition of a question that was asked yesterday.