

Inquiries of the Ministry

and therefore no decision has been taken about who would be the best person or the best company to build the facilities. We are looking at the whole question of our handling and transportation system, and the location of facilities may well depend upon some conclusion yet to be reached regarding the system as a whole.

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YOUTH**STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM—
PAYMENT OF AIR FARE AND ROOM AND BOARD**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Many young people across the country are wondering whether they might be included on his European tour this summer. There are almost as many as the number that went after the Pied Piper in his day and generation. I wonder whether or not the minister can tell the House whether under this international student summer employment exchange program selected applicants are expected to pay their own air fare and in many cases room and board as well?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, when the program was announced it gave a clear indication that the transportation charges for those seeking summer employment opportunities in Europe were the responsibility of the students themselves. The student is offered an opportunity of some employment which will no doubt go some way toward defraying part of the total expenses, but it is not a program that is subsidized by the federal government.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I am interested in knowing how these students are going to be able to go back to university if they pay their air fare and room and board, unless, of course, the minister is arranging for their employment at a high rate of salary or wages. Is there going to be any endeavour on the part of the government to do this, or is this plan just a sham?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, this plan has been in effect for a number of years and is altogether in the nature of an opportunity for students to further their cultural education. It is obvious that students who require earnings at the highest possible level during the course of the summer months will not find this program attractive. Nevertheless it is a very attractive program for students who do want to make use of the summer for cultural improvement.

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Has the government given consideration to using some of the big 707 jets that the government has at its disposal to take these students over and bring them back?

Mr. Lang: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. I would have to refer that question to my colleague, but I understand that those planes are very much used in their regular routine.

[Mr. Lang.]

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—PROVISION OF
INFORMATION TO SYDNEY MANPOWER OFFICE**

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister with reference to the question I posed yesterday which the Prime Minister very kindly took as notice. I refer to the provision of information regarding the Opportunities for Youth program which is not available or was not until yesterday morning at Manpower offices in Cape Breton.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the information was initially mailed out by the Secretary of State's office to the Manpower offices. Subsequently, wherever shortages were reported material has been airmailed to those offices requiring it. This includes the office at Sydney.

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WILL BE WITHOUT
SUMMER JOBS**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): May I address a supplementary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Has the department conducted any studies to determine how many students will still be without summer jobs this year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker. This is a very difficult matter to determine in view of the variable factors such as the upturn in the economy, the large number of students who are seeking work, and so on. Therefore it is very difficult to do anything other than look at what has been the case in previous years.

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AGRICULTURE**QUEBEC—GRANTS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND
PURCHASE OF FEED GRAIN**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Has he received representations from certain Quebec farm associations asking him to subsidize not only the transportation costs of feed grain, but also the purchase price in order to achieve parity between the East and the West, and if so, what was or will be his answer?

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I do not recall any specific representations about that particular request, but I think the feed freight assistance program during this past year and for the coming year does in fact equalize to a very large extent the cost of feed in most parts of Canada.