

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

panel of senior civil servants and that it is the duty of members of this panel and of the Deputy Minister to acquaint all employees who have access to sensitive and secret information of their duties and of the dangers. I know this is done in the Department with which I have been particularly familiar.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** I have a related or supplementary question to address to the Minister of Justice. I believe the man Poluchkin, one of the two Russian spies, did not have diplomatic immunity according to the embassy list showing those who are entitled to it. If this is correct, why then was this man not charged?

**Mr. Pearson:** I think I can deal with that question because I have been in touch with the Department of External Affairs on this very point. It is true that one of the Soviet officials in question did not have diplomatic status, but he had official status on the diplomatic list, and he was given the same treatment in this regard as members of the Canadian Embassy in Moscow are given whether or not they are diplomatic officers as such.

**Mr. Woolliams:** A supplementary question. Basically, this man did not have immunity from being charged?

**Mr. Pearson:** He did have a certain immunity which is conventional to members of diplomatic staffs in his position, and he was treated exactly as a Canadian official in his position in Moscow or in any other communist country should, and I believe would, be treated.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****QUEBEC CITY—SECURITY REPORTS IN ENGLISH ONLY**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Robert Beaulé (Quebec East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Is he aware that since the R.C.M.P. has been put in charge of security at Quebec harbour the reports are made in English, although all employees are French speaking?

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that but I shall inquire.

[*Mr. Pearson.*]

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**AIRPORTS****HALIFAX—REPORTED INADEQUACY OF RADAR FACILITIES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Is the Minister aware of the conflation in reports out of Halifax respecting conditions which allegedly jeopardize the safety of air traffic using the Halifax international airport? Would the Minister investigate reports that radar facilities at the airport are inadequate to meet safety requirements?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I have heard about the report to which the hon. Member refers. I commend to the hon. gentleman an article which appears, I am informed—since they did me the courtesy of giving me an advance copy—in the *Halifax Chronicle-Herald* of today which corrects the report of yesterday. I may say that to the best of my knowledge there is no hazard; that is according to the best information I have been able to secure from those in whom I have confidence. It will be understood, of course, that I have no technical competence myself in this field, but the trusted officers of the Department are of the opinion that there is no hazard of the kind described in the *Halifax Mail Star* of last night.

**Mr. MacInnis:** A supplementary question. Is the Minister aware of a narrowly avoided mid-air collision between naval air trackers from Shearwater and a commercial airliner in the vicinity of Halifax airport, and is this incident included in what the Minister refers to as the correction?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, I had heard the report, of course, but I had not heard about it in any other context. I am not sure whether the report is correct, but it is being investigated by those charged with this duty.

**Mr. MacInnis:** One further supplementary question. Will the Minister investigate why Air Canada flight 463, under what appeared to be very good conditions, had to make a second pass at the runway before landing on May 10, Monday last?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** If by “investigate” the hon. gentleman means will I make inquiries of those competent to investigate the matter, I will.