

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

this decision been arrived at, and is the minister able to tell the house what it is?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Lambert:** Can the hon. gentleman tell us how often we are going to get these "very few days"?

**Mr. Hellyer:** Often, Mr. Speaker.

## INQUIRY AS TO RECONSTITUTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

Does he intend to propose to the house that the special committee on national defence be revived this session so that it may continue its work?

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**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, it would be the intention of the government to reconstitute this committee during the course of the present session.

## AIR CANADA

## WINNIPEG MAINTENANCE BASE—TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES TO MONTREAL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of protests from Winnipeg concerning the continuing transfer of persons in the employ of Air Canada from Winnipeg to Montreal can the minister say whether something might be done to meet the request that these transfers be halted, at least until the report of the Thompson inquiry is made available?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** I dare say the hon. gentleman received the same telegram as I did; I gather it was sent to a number of hon. members. I had some immediate inquiries made of Air Canada about this. Perhaps I might be allowed to communicate to the house the information which Air Canada gave my office. It is to the effect that Air Canada has been meeting with the chairman of lodge 714 for western Canada and the chairman of lodge 1751 for eastern Canada of the union in question in the course

[Mr. Lambert.]

of the general negotiations which are taking place at the present time, and both chairmen feel that the action taken by Mr. Peterson in his telegram to the minister was neither legal or proper, and that general chairman Smith of lodge 714, who is in Montreal now, is preparing a telegram to Mr. Peterson accordingly, a copy of which is to be sent to me.

I think until I receive that communication it would be unwise for me to make any other comment apart from what I have said many times in the house, namely that Air Canada has undertaken not to make any transfers except those required by the collective agreement.

**Mr. Knowles:** Will the minister find out whether that undertaking has been kept to the letter?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** The last information I had, sir, was that it was. I am expecting a further report, and if there is any difference I will communicate it to the house.

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre):** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister check with regard to the number of personnel who have been transferred, because the figure of 90 given in the telegram greatly exceeds the figure in the answer the minister gave to me in the house a few days ago.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I am well aware of that, sir, and I will be very glad to check.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

## PENITENTIARY SERVICE—RECONSIDERATION OF SALARY REVISIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. I wonder whether the minister's attention has been drawn to a press release of the civil service association relating to the emergency conference in Ottawa next week to protest inadequate salary revisions and classifications for the penitentiary service. What steps will the government take to solve what the association calls "the severe anomalies"; and second, will the matter of salary scales be reconsidered?

**Mr. Speaker:** This surely is a question for the order paper. A detailed answer can be given there.