

CANADIAN ECONOMY

INQUIRY AS TO STEPS TO REDUCE POVERTY

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question regarding representations made to the Senate standing committee yesterday by the Canadian Economic Council, requesting that the war on poverty program as outlined in its annual review be implemented forthwith. Does the Prime Minister intend to re-constitute the special planning secretariat whose task it was to mastermind the war on poverty program?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Is it not the Prime Minister's intention to reconstitute this special planning secretariat, is he going to name any agency to co-ordinate the efforts of his ministers in respect of this war on poverty program and, if so, what agency?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, we have at least two cabinet committees co-ordinating the economic and regional development aspects of this matter.

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[Translation]

QUEBEC—LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): My question is for the Minister of Transport. Is the government still negotiating with the Quebec government about the matter of the site for the international airport?

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the decision final or is it still possible to carry out other studies and negotiations on this matter?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that the hon. member is asking a question already asked yesterday.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, circumstances change from day to day, on account of the kind of government we

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have. I wonder if the minister has not changed his mind overnight.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Unfortunately for the hon. member, the rules of the house do not change from day to day.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

INQUIRY AS TO COST OF STE SCHOLASTIQUE SITE

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

Could the Minister of Transport tell us whether the Quebec government authorities have advised him that they would refuse to build the access roads to the new international airport at Ste Scholastique?

[English]

Mr. Hellyer: Certainly not officially, to the best of my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. They have indicated their displeasure with the choice of the site, but they have not officially advised us that the necessary co-operation will not be forthcoming.

[Translation]

[Later:]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Transport. Is he not of the opinion that a supplementary expenditure amounting to \$91 million to be borne by the Canadian people would justify pursuing negotiations with the government of the province of Quebec and showing as much co-operation—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but it seems to me that his question is rather an argument and is therefore unacceptable.

[English]

AIR CANADA

STRIKE OF MECHANICS—INQUIRY AS TO MATTERS IN DISPUTE

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Labour. Now that he has indicated that the question of money is not the chief difference between the union of machinists and Air Canada, and that the union has admitted this is not the principal difference, would the minister kindly advise the house what are the issues between this international union and