

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's answer which was most revealing, when did the discussions and/or the correspondence begin with the Humble Oil Company?

**Mr. Trudeau:** As far as I know, the first knowledge we had of the new request by Humble Oil came in the past few days; perhaps a week or so ago.

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I was wondering whether the Prime Minister could say, when he referred to "these waters" in response to the question by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands, he meant by "these waters" the entire waters of the Northwest Passage?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I was given a quotation from the minister referring to "these waters". I take it he was referring to Canadian waters.

**Mr. Nowlan:** I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that this position of northern sovereignty has been clarified in the last few days, I wonder whether the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs has had any communication with the Russians as to how they declare their sovereignty over their northern waters?

**An hon. Member:** Take it up with the NDP.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think in all fairness to other hon. members, for the moment we might go on to another question.

[Translation]

**AIR CANADA****ABANDONMENT OF SERVICE TO TROIS-RIVIÈRES AND BAGOTVILLE**

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Can he confirm if it is true that Air Canada has been authorized to discontinue its services at Trois-Rivières and Bagotville? If so, when will this take effect?

**Mr. Speaker:** I have doubts as to whether the question is in order at this time, but the minister may answer if he wishes to.

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[English]

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, there have been some discussions held with regard to rationalization of some Air Canada routes, but no decision has been made either upon the ones to which the hon. member refers or any others.

**TRANSPORT****DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION—LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH CROWN CORPORATIONS**

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In light of his statement in respect of reorganization of his department, can we expect legislation dealing with the setting up of Crown corporations for major airports in Canada, the National Harbours Board and the St. Lawrence Seaway?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** If the decision is to move by way of establishing Crown corporations, of course, yes; but as I indicated, that has not been a firm decision as yet.

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the concept and/or philosophy of pay-as-you-go in respect of these extensions of the Department of Transport, does this mean to the Canadian taxpayer there will be a curtailment of service?

**Mr. Jamieson:** I do not know about that, Mr. Speaker, but the hon. member obviously is aware of the concept of fly now, pay later.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Mr. Speaker, I am the first one to receive, with all the generosity of my Irish heart, any thought from the Minister of Transport of fly now and pay later, but as a Nova Scotian, let alone a Canadian, I am prepared to say that this House cannot prevent the current—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Nowlan:** I am prepared to say that fly now, pay later is fine in philosophy, but the trouble with this government's philosophy, and I am one of those on this side of the House—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. May we have order. The hon. member has indicated he has a supplementary question. Perhaps he might ask it.