Oral Questions

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF REASONS WHY GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING FUNDS TO MANICOUAGAN AIRPORT

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, I am not trying to discriminate against the people of Manicouagan. I am merely questioning the excessively presidential aspirations of the Prime Minister who always wants to drive around in Cadillacs or in the best—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Supplementary question, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Ouellet: Mr. Speaker, could the Minister of Transport confirm that the Prime Minister wants to bring his Hercules aircraft to his riding, which is why he wants to spend more on a small airport in Manicouagan, in terms of facilities and sophisticated equipment, than on other airports with ten, fifteen or 20 times the volume in relation to facilities in the province of Quebec?

[English]

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I find it most disgusting that the Hon. Member opposite would want to politicize all the good things we are trying to do for the good people of Quebec. This is not the only action that has been taken on improving airport services in the country. As I said, we are overcoming years and years of neglect as a result of the Liberal administration.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA—PETRO-CANADA'S SULPHUR EXPORTS

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. As a follow-up to yesterday's statement on Canada's limited economic sanctions against South Africa, and since Canada supplies 100 per cent of South Africa's sulphur, will the Deputy Prime Minister, or one of his cabinet colleagues, direct Petro-Canada, the government oil company, to cease immediately the export or selling of sulphur to South Africa?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): That is certainly one of the economic options to which the Secretary of State for External Affairs referred yesterday, and falls within the umbrella of the answers that I have given to other questions today.

ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT BY WARDAIR

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. Since the

Government called for voluntary sanctions by the private sector, will the Government act to prevent Wardair from purchasing aircraft from South Africa and having their flight crews trained in that country?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): With respect to Wardair this is a straight deal between Wardair and South African Airways. I am informed that it involves the leasing of equipment and does not involve direct air service for cargo or passengers between South Africa and Canada. That is what Canada is committed to prevent. We have no ban on the import of goods such as aircraft at the moment.

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

TREATY 8—FORMULATION OF POLICY ON SELF-GOVERNMENT

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. I would like to know whether the Deputy Prime Minister is aware of the report prepared under the direction of his colleague, the Hon. Member for Prince George-Peace River, who is now the Minister of State for Science and Technology. This is a report regarding the renovation of Treaty 8. Will the Deputy Prime Minister tell the House whether this report has such status with the Government that it will be used in the formulation of government policy with respect to aboriginal self-government?

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Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I believe the Hon. Member would recognize that the Minister of State for Science and Technology has been very active in terms of trying to come up with solutions which will help us, as a country, resolve the issues relating to the dilemmas that beset our native people. He put forward a report, and all that I can tell the Hon. Member today is that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will not only use the best advice he has from the Minister of State for Science and Technology, but also from other Members to try to come up with a solution to this issue. Frankly, it is an issue that needs the best advice not only from all Members of the House but from Canadians generally.

Mr. Penner: That is a bit vague.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Will the Minister state more precisely whether the Government still holds the position that was enunciated by the Prime Minister on April 2, 1985, at the First Ministers' Conference, when he said: "This renovation process should provide us with a guide for building a positive, constructive relationship with other aborginal communities." Is that the position of the Government today?