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LABOUR RELATIONS

NORTHLAND NAVIGATION LIMITED—SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WITH S.I.U.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Labour. My question is based on a lengthy telegram I have just received from the president of the Canadian brotherhood of railway trainmen and general workers, local 400, Vancouver, B.C.

In view of the caustic comments contained in the Norris report with regard to the sweetheart deals made between management and the seafarers international union, and in view of the fact that the S.I.U. have signed a memorandum of agreement with Northland Navigation Shipping Company Limited, would the minister inform the house if it is the role of the maritime trustees to approve substandard agreements entered into by the S.I.U. that make it difficult for Canadian unions to obtain satisfactory settlements? Will the minister look into this question?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have grave doubts that this question is in order. The last two lines of the question in my opinion are not asking for details. The question is very long. In my opinion the question is just on the edge of being out of order. However, in order to accommodate my hon. friend, upon whom perhaps I have been a little rough the last two days, may I suggest that he put it on the order paper.

Mr. Herridge: I am quite willing to withdraw my opinion and leave the rest of the question.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION RESPECTING LABOUR CODE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question was for the Prime Minister, but in his understandable absence perhaps I may put it to the Minister of Labour. When the list of business was given to us today, was it an oversight that the proposed national labour code was not included? Can the minister say whether this legislation will be on the order paper this month?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): It was not an oversight, because the government attaches a great deal of importance to [Mr. Grégoire.] this particular legislation. Most of the policy decisions with regard to this legislation have been made and it is now in the course of preparation, and will appear on the order paper just as soon as this stage is completed.

Mr. Knowles: When will that be, this month or next month?

NATIONAL DEFENCE

CRANBERRY PORTAGE, MAN.—ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING CLOSING OF RADAR STATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Defence Production or possibly the Minister of Finance. Can either of the ministers inform the house whether the government is considering financial assistance to the residents of Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, in relation to the very heavy debts with which they have been saddled in the matter of school debentures, which were negotiated in good faith on the continuance of the mid-Canada radar site at that location? If not, will the government assure the house that full consideration will be given to this matter at an early date?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Defence Production): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is surely a question for the order paper.

IMMIGRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES RESPECTING PERSONS HELD FOR DEPORTATION

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. René Tremblay (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, in reply to questions a few hon. members have asked concerning administrative measures taken by the department to prevent people from being held in custody too long, I should like to give the house the following information:

1. Information concerning any person held under the Immigration Act must be sent promptly to the central immigration office—
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Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, this is the second time the minister has attempted to make a statement purporting to be in answer to questions in the house. We