

VIEWS OF GROUPS IN INDUSTRY

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Madam Speaker, it is very clear in the minds of those who represent the aviation industry that, first, they want the implementation team to be provided with clear terms of reference which should be directed solely toward the most expeditious and unqualified implementation of the Dubin Commission recommendations and, second, that the implementation team be given a proper balance by the inclusion of representatives from interested participants in the Dubin Commission. The minister has failed on both counts to satisfy the aviation industry. After all, they should be the experts in this matter since their views are represented in total by the spokesmen for the ten different organizations which have met with the minister on different occasions.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, the hon. member is sufficiently experienced in these matters to know that the proper way to have implemented the Dubin report would have been to rely exclusively on the department. But because of the consideration that justice should be seen to be done—

Mr. Mazankowski: The department which is being investigated?

Mr. Pepin: —I have created the advisory committee, which is not the normal practice in these matters. The advisory committee is working extremely well and much faster than one could have even hoped. In the coming weeks I will be in a position to detail what part of the Dubin report we will be implementing in the legislation in the fall. The hon. member will be pleased by the work done by the advisory committee among whose members there is a pilot and a lawyer who is very experienced in these matters and who does not have a conflict of interest.

Mr. Mazankowski: What about Deschênes?

Mr. Pepin: He does not have a conflict of interest. He is in the business of advising on legal matters pertaining to the investigation of accidents and incidents.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

EFFECT OF STRIKE—MINISTER'S MEETINGS WITH CBC
PRESIDENT

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications. I hope that I can anticipate a more courteous reply than the one I received the last time I directed a question to him.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Rose: Madam Speaker, our \$700 million broadcasting corporation is being crippled. Thousands of Canadians are being deprived of news and entertainment, especially those in

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northern Canada, because of an eight-month strike by Radio Canada journalists and a five-week management dispute between CBC and its NABET technicians. Surely this dispute cannot go on for ever. If it does the CBC could end up like the Toronto *Telegram* of the Montreal *Star*.

Is the minister currently meeting with CBC president Al Johnson, or has he met with him recently, in order to ensure that the CBC bargains in good faith so that the strike can be settled before the upcoming economic summit conference? If he has not been consulting with Mr. Johnson, can the minister tell us why not?

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Hon. Francis Fox (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): Madam Speaker, I would like to be very courteous in my answer to the hon. member. The last time he asked me a question, the reply was "No." The next time, I will say, "No, thank you." Perhaps it will not hurt his feelings.

I would like to tell the hon. member that I have, indeed, been following the matter closely. I met with the president of the CBC this week and reviewed the CBC's position on the question of the strike. As the hon. member knows, there are about 22 or 23 bargaining units within the CBC. There are about 17 or 18 which have come to terms with the CBC during current contract negotiations. Just last week the CBC settled one of those important contract negotiations with the STRF, which is the French-speaking technicians' unit of the CBC. The French-speaking technicians accepted the offer which was negotiated with the CBC. We are all hopeful that the CBC will be able to come to terms with the English-speaking technicians as soon as possible.

POSSIBILITY OF UNION BUSTING

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, is the hon. minister aware that the issue is no longer one of simply independent production or increased Canadian content? NABET has given in on that. The CBC has half a loaf, and now it wants the whole loaf, including the use of in-house independents and the use of independents in jobs normally assigned to NABET technicians. What is likely to happen if this is allowed is that the best of NABET people will go independent, and the number of CBC technicians belonging to NABET will dwindle. This is really a question of union busting. I would like the minister to look into that part of it and discuss the matter thoroughly with President Johnson to see that President Johnson himself is, in fact, aware of it, and that it is not something which he does not know about and his negotiators are pushing.

Hon. Francis Fox (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): Madam Speaker, I know that the hon. member has been very supportive of the CBC in the past, and I know that he is still most supportive of the CBC, in a general way. I have reviewed the matter with the president of CBC this week. He repeated to me that he has given guarantees to NABET that there would be no loss of jobs on the part of