

Mr. Korchinski: May I ask the Acting Prime Minister who is co-ordinating the idea of spending \$50 million to take the young people of this country for bus rides instead of providing them with jobs?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): As I said once before, this is a purely speculative story. I hope the hon. member will not repeat it again.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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FISHERIES

LAKE ERIE—LOANS TO FISHERMEN BECAUSE OF LOSSES SUFFERED THROUGH MERCURY POLLUTION

Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand): My question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. Since Lake Erie fishermen who have suffered losses because of mercury pollution are in severe financial straits while awaiting the long-awaited government loans, will the minister ascertain whether the joint loan committee has mailed all the loans cheques that should be sent to these men?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): I will certainly check that matter. I should point out, however, that the committee is chaired by an official from the province of Ontario.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

REPORTED UNFAIR LABOUR PRACTICES BY FRANK HILL LIMITED—REHIRING OF MEN FIRED

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew North): My question is for the Minister of Labour but in his absence I will direct it to his Parliamentary Secretary. Would the minister investigate fully reported unfair and highhanded labour practices on the part of Frank Hill Limited, a paint contractor from Brantford, Ontario, who is presently engaged under a Defence Construction Limited contract to paint 300 PMQ'S at Canadian forces base, Petawawa? At the same time, would the minister consider using his good offices to get the jobs back for those men who were fired this morning because they had enough courage to sign a written statement bringing these questionable practices to light?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That assertion is in the form of a representation rather than a question. The hon. member will have to assume that it will be taken into account.

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AIR TRANSPORT

CHARTER SERVICES—WARDAIR—CTC RULING ON HOLDING OF CUSTOMERS' MONEY IN TRUST

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): My question is for the Minister of Transport. At the beginning of last

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week the hon. member for Crowfoot and myself asked questions with regard to the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission respecting Wardair, and I believe an appeal has been made to the minister. Is he in a position to tell us when he expects to make a decision or what the situation is with regard to Wardair?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Contrary to press reports, there has not been a formal appeal filed with me as of this moment. I have some information informally to the effect that the officers of the company are at present seeking ways and means of meeting the requirements of the CTC order. The last word I had was that they were having some success in that direction, but there has been no appeal of any kind.

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AGRICULTURE

CONTROL OF ODOURS FROM LIQUID MANURE HOLDING PITS

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture because I do not like to see him sitting there unnoticed. It has to do with odours coming from outside liquid manure holding pits for livestock. This is a very serious problem. Is the minister conducting any special research in his department to develop some kind of chemical that could be used in these pits which would be helpful in holding down these odours?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question should be placed on the Order Paper.

[Later:]

Mr. McKinley: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the question I asked is a very serious one. It needs attention immediately and I wonder if the minister could be allowed to clear the air on this matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—PROGRESS OF AUTO PACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the uncertainty existing among those working in the industry, can the minister inform the House when he will be prepared to make a statement in the House on the progress of negotiations that are now going on between the governments of Canada and the United States on the Canada-U.S. auto pact?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I will inform the House when I am able to inform the House that such a statement is needed.