Oral Questions

Mr. Mazankowski: In light of the fact that the evidence that has been documented by Professor Gordon cites a number of inefficiencies—evidence that has been well documented—and that, as he points out, there is no evidence that Air Canada is being saddled with uneconomic routes or low fares, can the minister advise the House whether this matter will be taken into consideration during the total review of the transportation policy, in this case the national air transportation policy?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that that is the case. Indeed, some such general discussions have already taken place at the cabinet committee level of one kind or another and in various official groups.

OLYMPIC GAMES

DISTRIBUTION OF TICKETS—SUGGESTED RE-EXAMINATION OF SYSTEM

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that the 1976 Olympics is an event of enormous national interest and importance, and in view of the fact that my constituents must travel 800 miles to Vancouver and back to place their orders and subsequently travel another 800 miles to pick up their tickets, will the minister assure the House that this asinine situation will be sensibly resolved, or are the people of Kootenay West second class citizens?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I do not think there are any more second class citizens in the hon. member's constituency than in others. If he wants to ask the question to my colleague the President of the Treasury Board or to the Postmaster General, I am sure one or the other will take it as notice and will see with the Olympics authorities what can be done to correct the deficiency mentioned by the hon, member.

[English]

Mr. Brisco: My supplementary question is directed to the Postmaster General. Can he advise the House whether or not any re-examination is presently being conducted of the system, according to which citizens of Canada can obtain tickets to the Olympics in 1976 without driving some 400 to 800 miles, whatever the case may be? Right now the situation is completely ridiculous and out of hand.

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I am responsible for coins and stamps. Nevertheless, I will contact COJO today and try to get a more detailed explanation of precisely how people in that situation should obtain their tickets without suffering the inconvenience described by the hon. member.

[Mr. Jamieson.]

CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF HANGAR AT MOUNT HOPE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Gus MacFarlane (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Public Works and it concerns the Canadian Warplane Heritage Association. Is the department sincere in its desire to ask this benevolent association to purchase a very aged hangar at Mount Hope or to negotiate some other kind of deal?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, as to the sincerity of the department, I can only reiterate the general understanding. Whether one can negotiate a special deal for this particular group, I think really this is still an open question.

INOUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Can he announce at this time or give any indication as to whom he will be appointing as the next lieutenant governor of Manitoba?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR MEETINGS WITH SASKATCHEWAN FEDERATION OF INDIANS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Last Wednesday, in response to a question on guidelines by the hon. member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys, the minister indicated he would arrange for consultation between senior officials from his office and the presidents and band chiefs in Nova Scotia. In view of the fact that the Saskatchewan Federation of Indians has expressed similar concern about the guidelines respecting local autonomy, will the minister give the same assurance to the native people of Saskatchewan and will he meet with the native leaders of that province?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that there have been offers of similar meetings made to the Indian people of Saskatchewan. At the most recent one, although they were reluctant to meet with the acting director in that province—this creates problems. But I understand that discussions have been going on with some of the people at the band level. Of course, personally I have met them on several occasions, not on the guidelines but on other matters, and I am always happy to meet with the representatives of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians.