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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member's second question sounds very much like the first. Perhaps the minister might be allowed to reply to the question.

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, it was a decision we took to do it that way.

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### TRANSPORT

#### ATLANTIC PROVINCES—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport who has indicated he is waiting for a response from the premiers of the Atlantic provinces. Is it correct that the minister and the premiers of the Atlantic provinces are waiting for a report and recommendations from a joint federal-provincial committee, chaired by one of the minister's officials, as stated by the Premier of Nova Scotia?

● (1510)

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** I think this is true. There was probably some confusion caused by an answer I gave in the House from which it could be inferred that I was expecting a reply from the premier whereas, in fact, it is an answer from the joint committee of the provinces and the federal government.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Of which one of the minister's own officials is the chairman?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Yes.

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### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### ARREST OF JOHN MURPHY IN CONNECTION WITH ARMS SHIPMENTS TO IRELAND—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON INVESTIGATION BY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General regarding the arrest of John Patrick Daniel Murphy in Dublin in connection with a shipment of arms found aboard the *Manchester Vigour* and the seizure in Toronto last Friday of a quantity of sub-machine guns. Can the minister tell us, following the investigation by the RCMP, whether the arms seized in Toronto are connected with the same Murphy? Was he the consignor of the arms which were shipped through Dubois International Limited of Montreal? Was he also responsible for a shipment which was made last fall, and have any arrests been made in Canada by the RCMP in connection with these incidents?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Arms were seized in Toronto in Mr. Murphy's residence but they did not seem to be associated in any way with the one sent to

Ireland. They seemed to be personal arms he had in the house.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Allmand:** The arms which were seized in Toronto were restricted weapons—sub-machine guns, and so on.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Allmand:** I was trying to make it clear that the arms which were found in Toronto were not of the same type as were sent to Ireland. Mr. Murphy has been arrested in Ireland and charged with an offence. He has now been released on bail in Ireland.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Allmand:** The RCMP have been investigating this case for several weeks in conjunction with agencies abroad. As far as we know, Mr. Murphy is associated with the shipment of arms to Ireland. We do not know whether there were other consignors as well. This matter is being investigated at the present time.

#### POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF S AND H AIRWAYS IN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO IRELAND—REQUEST FOR REPORT

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** May I ask the Solicitor General whether the RCMP have been investigating the flight of a DC-3 owned by S and H Airways of Toronto and flown by Oscar Stefanski?

**An hon. Member:** That name is not Irish.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** It should be "O'Stefanski"!

**Mr. Douglas:** Has the RCMP investigation revealed whether or not this plane, which went down just off Newfoundland, was making a trip from Algeria to Shannon and thence to Iceland en route to Canada, was carrying any arms shipment, and whether or not there were two passengers on board? If so, what were the names of those passengers?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** I have no information with respect to the plane referred to by the hon. member, but I will look into this aspect and report to him in due course.

### BROADCASTING

#### INQUIRY AS TO DECISION ON ALLOCATION OF CHANNEL 10, VANCOUVER

**Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Communications. It concerns the application for a new television licence in the Vancouver area. In view of the fact that the chairman of the CRTC has stated that no decision has been made with regard to this application, though the western representative, Mr. Hal Dornan, has indicated that a decision was made two weeks ago, and since the hearings were held in June and concluded several weeks