

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, of course that is not a matter which would be within my knowledge as Minister of Transport. I question whether it is a matter which, under the usual terms of questions in the house, would be within the knowledge of the government. However, it may be that the Minister of Labour can throw some light on it.

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I made inquiries just before coming to the house as to whether there were any new developments, but was informed there were none. However, I will take the hon. member's question as notice.

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question. Is there any impediment to the operation of aircraft in and out of Ottawa under the regulations laid down in the letter, and if so, are any of the aeroplanes operating in and out of Ottawa?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, that question is of such a general nature—and of course it relates to a legal situation—that I cannot attempt to answer it without obtaining advice from someone more competent than I would be to give legal opinions. If the hon. gentleman has any specific situation in mind I will be glad to refer it to the Air Transport Board.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, are there any such flights operating in and out of Ottawa?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, this is a factual question which I cannot answer either.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question with reference to the statement of the Minister of Transport. I wonder whether he could clarify one point for me. In the case were C.P.A. does not have landing rights for which it has applied such as applies in Calgary, is it the intention of the Air Transport Board to allow C.P.A. with the approval of the minister to operate in those areas where at present there is no service whatsoever owing to the present strike?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Well, Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It may be that the question is in order, though the minister would be in a better position than I to judge; it does sound technical.

**Mr. Woolliams:** No, it is not technical.

**Mr. Speaker:** Then if it is not, the minister is in a better position to judge and I would [Mr. Fulton.]

have no objection to the question being answered.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, if I got the purport of the hon. gentleman's question correctly, and I think I did, my understanding would be that if Canadian Pacific Airlines have any existing licence which would permit them to serve these places, under the terms of the document I read they would be able to do so.

[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****PERMANENT CANADIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE VATICAN**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs. During his visit to Rome, did he discuss, with His Holiness Paul VI, the possibility for Canada to have a permanent representative to the Vatican?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

[Later:]

**Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs. Does the hon. minister intend to recommend that a permanent Canadian representative be appointed to the Vatican?

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me that question was put just a moment ago.

**Mr. Ricard:** Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, I believe this question to be entirely different from the one asked by the hon. member for Chapleau.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I believe I have already answered that question, not only today, but also a few months ago.

[English]

**TRANSPORT****RESTRUCTURING OF RADIO OPERATORS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the report the other day to the effect that an announcement regarding the restructuring of the radio operators class would be made in a