

[English]

**TRANSPORT****SUGGESTED INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO RAILWAYS TO PROVIDE PASSENGER SERVICES**

**Mr. Ross Whicher (Bruce):** I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Yesterday the Secretary of State for External Affairs described Canada's action in extending a \$14 million interest-free loan for 50 years to eastern African countries for the purchase of railway locomotives as a bold experiment in international co-operation. Will the Minister of Transport approach the Secretary of State for External Affairs and suggest that we pursue a bold experiment in national co-operation by making interest-free loans to Canadian railway companies in order that we may enjoy railway passenger services in Canada, particularly in the area of Owen Sound where not one train is running?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The question was hardly in order; it was in the form of a representation and the hon. member has to assume there will be communication between the ministers in question.

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**LABOUR RELATIONS****CONCILIATION BOARD REPORT CONCERNING BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS**

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** In the absence of the Minister of Labour I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport who seems still to be basking in the euphoria produced by the previous question. I should like to ask him whether the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers conciliation board report has been submitted to the government. If not, when is it expected?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** To my knowledge the report has not been received. I shall make inquiries and let the hon. member know.

**Mr. Rose:** Since there has been more than a year's delay in bringing about a settlement between the railway companies and this union, has the minister or any member of the government considered initiating changes in the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act in order that delays may be eliminated or shortened in the future?

**Mr. Jamieson:** This is properly a matter for the Minister of Labour, but my colleague has indicated to the House on a number of occasions that he is proposing amendments to the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act and no doubt these will be coming forward in due course.

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**POST OFFICE****OTTAWA—THEFT OF PARCELS IN RIVERSIDE PARK AREA**

**Mr. Stevens E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** My question is directed to the minister in charge of the Post

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Office. Is the Post Office Department investigating the reported theft of 150 parcels in the Riverside Park area of Ottawa? Can he assure anxious residents deprived of Christmas gifts that action is being taken by his department?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):** We have made an inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

It is quite difficult to write a word of thanks for something that we have not yet received.

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[English]

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****HAY RIVER—HOLDING OF COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS VEHICLE—INVESTIGATION OF BOMBING OF BUILDING**

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** My question is for the Solicitor General. Can the minister inform the House of the circumstances surrounding the holding of a CYC vehicle by the RCMP in Hay River, Northwest Territories?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to inquire about the circumstances and to inform the hon. member.

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**Mr. Yewchuk:** Since the CYC may be directly or indirectly involved with or related to the bombing of a building in Hay River, can the minister indicate whether an investigation is being carried out and whether a report will be made to the House on this matter?

[Translation]

**Mr. Goyer:** I will make sure that this matter is considered, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****ABILITY OF HOME OIL TO NEGOTIATE SALE TO CANADIAN COMPANIES**

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister in order to determine precisely what stage negotiations with Home Oil have reached. Would the right hon. gentleman say that Home Oil could still negotiate privately with a Canadian company or companies held principally by Canadian shareholders if it decided not to do business with the government?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, very much so.