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COMMONS DEBATES

of Manpower and Immigration. If you look at the relevant page in *Hansard* you will find that he stated government policy on this question. National Defence. Arising out of a report that nearly all of the Hercules planes used by the Americans in Viet Nam have been found to have wing cracks and have been recalled for

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Prime Minister's answer is that the government is afraid to answer.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): I have a supplementary question. I would then repeat my question, why is it that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and the Secretary of State continue to deny applications for citizenship by residents of Canada for 30 years who at one time were related to so-called communist front organizations?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is clearly argumentative.

[Translation]

Mr. J.-A. Mongrain (Trois-Rivières): Mr. Speaker, speaking of revolutionary agents, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

Could the Prime Minister inform the house of the whereabouts of another revolutionary agent who has been missing for a few hours and whose name is Dalton Camp?

[English]

INDUSTRY

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY OF MINE WASTE HEAPS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources or in his absence to the acting minister. In view of the two deaths which occurred near Natal as a result of slides from mine waste heaps, and in view of the statement by the chief mining inspector for British Columbia that these mine waste heaps are not the responsibility of anybody, is the federal government prepared to assume responsibility in this matter?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I shall endeavour to obtain a comment from the minister on this matter, which might be made tomorrow.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

INQUIRY AS TO REPAIRS REQUIRED FOR HERCULES PLANES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre): Mr. most anxious to hear Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of announce it to the house.

Inquiries of the Ministry

National Defence. Arising out of a report that nearly all of the Hercules planes used by the Americans in Viet Nam have been found to have wing cracks and have been recalled for an \$11 million repair job, can the minister say whether there is similar danger to Canadian Hercules planes and, in particular, to the one which is now in use by the Internation... Red Cross to take relief to Biafra?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, we are aware of what has happened to the American planes in Viet Nam. We are keeping a very close watch on our planes and nothing of that sort has developed so far.

NATIONAL REVENUE

REQUEST FOR INCREASED STAFF AT EDMONTON AIRPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of National Revenue. Would the minister undertake to provide an adequate customs staff and personnel at the Edmonton international airport in order to relieve the single official presently performing this function?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question could be placed on the order paper.

AIR CANADA

INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I

wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Has the appropriate authority communicated to the Prime Minister the name of the new president of Air Canada?

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, but it was my understanding that it would be announced at 1.30 today. I have not been listening to the radio.

Mr. Nesbitt: As a supplementary question, would the right hon. Prime Minister be good enough to ascertain who this person may be and revert to motions so he can make a statement thereon?

Mr. Trudeau: I shall be glad to attempt to do that, **Mr. Speaker**, if the announcement has been made by Air Canada people. I would be most anxious to hear about it and to announce it to the house.