

at all about starvation and its relation to carrying on a war? If so, what did he say about it?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to obtain the text. I do not know whether it would be appropriate to give it by way of reply or to send it to the hon. gentleman. Mr. Hamilton was being cross-examined by a reporter in a general way. When it came to questions on whether he considered starvation was an appropriate method of ending the war in Nigeria, he said he had nothing to say about it.

Mr. Lewis: May I ask Your Honour's permission for the Secretary of State for External Affairs to table the record of the interview to which the minister has made reference so that all hon. members may see it?

Mr. Sharp: I would be happy to do so.

AIR TRANSPORT

SUGGESTED FLIGHT SAFETY COMMITTEE— AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport I wish to direct my question to whoever is acting in this capacity today. Can the Acting Minister say what reply has been made to the Canadian Airlines Pilots Association brief in which it is suggested that a national flight safety committee be established? Will the Acting Minister also say whether the Department of Transport has any plans to form a departmental flight safety committee, either internally or at the national level?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport I will undertake to refer the question to him. I understand the minister will be in the house tomorrow and will probably furnish the answer.

Mr. Forrestall: I wish to pose a further supplementary—I ask that notice be taken of it—to the President of the Treasury Board who is also supposed to be here today but is absent. In light of reports that the Department of Transport flight safety committee has not been formed because Treasury Board has not authorized funds, will the minister say what the intention of Treasury Board is in regard to this very important matter?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): I will be glad to bring that question to the attention of the President of the Treasury Board.

Inquiries of the Ministry

INFORMATION

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF TASK FORCE

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct this question to the Acting Prime Minister. Has the government received the report of the task force on information, and will the minister advise when it will be tabled in the house?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer the first question. I will make inquiries. I have not personally received it. It may have been received in the Prime Minister's office. However, I am not certain.

Mr. Paproski: Are allegations of patronage and news management the reason the government is hiding this report?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Later:]

Mr. Sharp: May I add a little more accurately to my reply to a question asked earlier. The report of the task force on information was received in the Prime Minister's office last week. I think the Prime Minister has already given some information to this effect, and I would not want there to be any difference of opinion between him and me.

Mr. Paproski: Would the Acting Prime Minister give the assurance that parliament will have an opportunity to review any changes in government information services, particularly in light of the government's notorious disregard of the rights of a free parliament?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON— INQUIRY AS TO DECISION ON SELF-GOVERNMENT

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. May I say first that the Secretary of State for External Affairs assumes the post of Acting Prime Minister admirably. Has the government come to a decision about self-government for the Northwest Territories?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the question of the constitutional future of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon is under study. No decisions have yet been made.