

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, we expect to exercise a very gentle hand in this matter.

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AIR TRANSPORT

POSSIBILITY OF MILAN ROUTE BEING AWARDED TO CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES—POSITION OF AIR CANADA CHAIRMAN—ROUTE DIVISION

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. It arises out of a report that Mr. Yves Pratt, the chairman of Air Canada, is very unhappy about the possibility of the Milan route being given to Canadian Pacific Airlines and is even threatening to resign if that should happen. Is the minister aware of this position of Mr. Pratt? Also, has a decision with regard to Milan been made or will it be made very soon?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the president of Air Canada has often discussed with me the problem regarding the Milan line and has done so with much energy but in no circumstance whatever did he talk about resigning. I think that this aspect of such news is not founded. As to when will the allocation of the Milan line be announced, it will still take a few weeks before such a project materializes.

[English]

Mr. Lewis: In view of the fact it must be obvious to the minister that any delay will make it impossible for the Canadian carrier to take full advantage of summer tourism and all the other aspects of passenger traffic to Milan, can the minister hasten the decision or else indicate to the House why there is this long delay in making the decision?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I believe that the hon. member is right in saying that a decision will have to be taken in the very near future about the Milan route because the travel period towards Europe is about to begin and I hope to be able to announce very soon the allocation of the Milan route.

[English]

Mr. Lewis: I wish to ask a supplementary question based on the speech the minister made last Friday. I could not be here to listen to him but I have read his speech. I was very glad to read his statement that Air Canada must remain the major international air carrier for Canada and that certain changes are being contemplated in the division of routes between Air Canada and CP Air. May I ask the minister when the House may expect a statement from him as to the changes in policy which he has indicated are now being considered?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I do not think it will necessarily be a change of policy, but it might be a new division of the world. At least, the whole world will be divided so that each airline will know what exactly is its market.

Oral Questions

[Later:]

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that the air services policy enunciated in 1965 places the Milan route directly within the area to be serviced by Canadian Pacific Airlines, is the minister now considering a change or deviation from that policy? If so, when might a statement be made to that effect?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I hope that when we announce the new division of the world, Milan will at that time be attributed to one of the main international carriers.

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[Translation]

AIR CANADA

ALLEGED CHANGE IN TIMES OF DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN OTTAWA AND QUEBEC

Mr. Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Can he tell us if he has seen the new Air Canada schedule as regards direct flights between Quebec City and Ottawa and, if so, can he tell us why this company has decided to curtail its service?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): I am not aware of this, Mr. Speaker; in fact, I travel regularly between Quebec City and Ottawa and I noticed no schedule changes recently.

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[English]

HOUSING

ROCHDALE COLLEGE—PROGRESS OF FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister responsible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and deals with the present status of Rochdale and Pestalozzi Colleges. Will the minister say whether any progress can be reported with regard to foreclosure proceedings on the Rochdale College mortgage?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the solicitors for the corporation have instructions from their client, the corporation, to pursue foreclosure action with all possible diligence. This they are doing. It was also at their suggestion that an application was made to the Supreme Court of Ontario for the appointment of a receiver on behalf of all creditors. That has been done and the building is by court order under the control of Clarkson Gordon and Company.