[Translation]

TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE BOYCOTT OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS BY WORLD FEDERATION OF WORKERS— DISCUSSION WITH CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

Could he tell the House whether steps have been taken to ensure that our international transportation system by sea and by air will not be paralyzed or boycotted by the World Federation of Labour whose head office is in Brussels?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not taken any special steps.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Shefford on a supplementary question.

Mr. Rondeau: Does the minister intend to communicate with the Canadian ambassador in Brussels in order to avoid reprisals by the World Federation of Labour which is asking for the liberation of the three union leaders who are imprisoned in Quebec, failing which there will be boycotting of our international transportation system?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I think that if the hon. member knew about the organization of the labour movement, both on the national and international levels, he would not be asking this question.

[English]

INCOME TAX

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING RETURNS FOR PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED INCORRECT TP4U SLIPS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, mine is a supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Now that it is apparent that thousands of unemployment insurance claimants will be late in filing their income tax returns through no fault of their own but because of incorrect TP4U forms, is it the intention of the minister to speak with his colleague, the Minister of National Revenue, so that these people will not be fined for late filing?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I think the premise of the hon. member's question is quite incorrect.

MANPOWER

PLACEMENT PRIORITIES—DIRECTIVE OF MARCH 9— REQUEST THAT DEPUTY MINISTER BE ABSOLVED

Mr. Peter Reilly (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether, in light of the many statements of a conflicting

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nature made both in the House and outside concerning the affair since March 9 last, he now wishes to take this opportunity to publicly clear the name of his deputy minister in connection with that sorry affair?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I think the Prime Minister made a statement on Friday which meets the case. I think any statement I have made which is on the record in *Hansard* also meets the case.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

ALLEGATION THAT BENEFIT CONTROL OFFICERS WORK ON QUOTA SYSTEM

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my question is with reference to the question I put to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration last week. Has the minister discovered yet whether the unemployment insurance benefit control officers are being forced to work under a quota system?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have inquired into this matter and, as I told the hon. gentleman the other day, if I found such a system to exist I would be the first to take disciplinary action or cause it to be taken, but I have not found that to be the case.

MANPOWER

FEDERAL TRAINING ALLOWANCES TO STUDENTS—
PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Will it continue to be the policy of the government to make jobless students from vocational training programs pay income tax on federal training allowances in the same manner that unemployment insurance benefits are taxed, and will the minister tell the House why students were not warned that this practice would be introduced this year?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the law required payment of income tax on such training allowances beginning January 1, 1972. Again my information is that students were advised of this during interviews preceding authorization of such training and in pamphlets and in letters.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg North on a last supplementary question on this subject, and then recognize the hon. member for St. John's East.