

Oral Questions

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

PROCEEDINGS DURING DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the Minister that I asked for the original of the letter. In view of the fact—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please! Does the Member have a question, please?

Mr. Benjamin: Of course, Mr. Speaker, of course. The Minister says that this is an internal matter for Air Canada management. Therefore, why was it that during the disciplinary hearing for this flight attendant, in the presence of two members of the union the meeting was recessed and Air Canada management went to another room and viewed tapes of the House of Commons and the Minister of Transport in particular?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, obviously the Member must have had someone in attendance because he has more information than I have. I choose not to interfere with that process. There is a collective agreement. There is a multifaceted grievance procedure, and I am surprised that the Hon. Member would take it upon himself to interfere with the collective agreement.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mazankowski: Furthermore, to respond to the first part of the question, I will accept the Hon. Member's suggestion that he did not imply that I intervened directly. In consideration of that element of fairness, he might want to ask his House Leader to consider withdrawing the statement he made as reported at page 13768 of *Hansard*. He said:

It wouldn't have happened if it had not been for Maz.

If that is not laying the complaint on the shoulders of the Minister of Transport, I'm not sure what is.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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REFUGEES

PRESENCE IN CANADA OF INDIVIDUAL WANTED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Immigration. On May 6 in response to a question the Minister said that there are security measures in place to detect potential terrorists and that they would not receive the same treatment as *bona fide* refugees.

Could the Minister explain why, since 1981, Canada has been the refuge of an individual wanted by the Italian Government in connection with the kidnapping and murder of

Premier Aldo Moro and for allegedly being a Red Brigade terrorist? Can the Minister assure the House that our new refugee determination system will deal with this particular case promptly?

Hon. Walter McLean (Minister of State (Immigration)): Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the Hon. Member that the aim of the immigration program and the particular reforms which are being brought to the refugee program are designed to ensure that there is a fair as well as speedy determination of cases. The Hon. Member raises an embarrassing situation in which, because of the present system, people abuse the situation. One hopes that, particularly in the refugee stream, these matters will be able to be dealt with fairly but more speedily.

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AIR CANADA

SUSPENSION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANT

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Air Canada claims it suspended flight attendant Toni Corrado not because of what she said but because of the tone of her remarks. Is the Minister aware that Nova Dickie, an assistant to the Conservative Member for Cariboo—Chilcotin, witnessed the Air Canada discussion and describes Mrs. Corrado's manner as neither abusive nor rude?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is expecting us to get involved in the grievance procedure on the floor of the House of Commons.

Mr. Deans: You are involved.

Mr. Mazankowski: I choose not to do that. There is a collective agreement in place. There is a process in place. It is an Air Canada decision and there is a grievance procedure which is to be followed. I do not know why one would want to engage in interfering with that process which has been agreed to through the collective bargaining process.

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, the Minister is already involved when his office sends a copy of a letter it received to Air Canada.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

REQUEST THAT MINISTER INTERVENE

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister use the power which he has over Crown corporations under Section 99 of the Financial Administration Act to intervene and instruct Air Canada to reinstate Toni Corrado and to see that she is compensated for