

JUDITH JASMIN, C.B.C.

**Question No. 242—Mr. Pigeon:**

1. What position does Miss Judith Jasmin hold with the French network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation?
2. For how many years has she held the said position?
3. What are her working conditions (salary and remuneration)?
4. Is it true that Miss Judith Jasmin is to represent the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation at a convention to be held Saturday, April 8, at the University of Montreal, for the opening of a campaign in favour of the establishment of a non-denominational public school system?

**Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

1. Miss Judith Jasmin is a program interviewer on contract.
2. Since 1956 Miss Jasmin has acted as a reporter and commentator on a fee basis.
3. Miss Jasmin is presently engaged on contract as an interviewer for the program "Premier Plan". She receives the remuneration stipulated in the contract which the C.B.C. has negotiated with her.
4. No.

URANIUM PURCHASES BY BRITISH ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY

**Question No. 243—Mr. Cardin:**

1. What is the date of the letter which covers the firm commitment made by the British Atomic Energy Authority to purchase 12,000 tons of uranium from Canada, between 1963 and 1966?
2. Has the British government accepted this commitment as a contractual obligation which it must live up to, unless released by mutually agreed arrangement with the Canadian government?
3. On what date did the atomic energy authority of the United Kingdom express a desire to re-negotiate the terms of this commitment?
4. What particular terms did the atomic energy authority wish to renegotiate, and what changes were sought?

**Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce):**

1. March 29, 1957.
2. It is not in the public interest to discuss the details of these proposals during the period that negotiations are still proceeding.
3. April 3, 1958.
4. As I stated in answer to No. 2, it is not in the public interest to discuss the details of these proposals during the period that negotiations are still proceeding.

**FREIGHT RATES**

INCREASED GRAIN RATES TO EASTERN PORTS—  
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER  
STANDING ORDER 26

**Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to move the adjournment of the

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house under standing order 26 for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the decision of the board of transport commissioners allowing an increase in freight rates on grain moving from Georgian bay to eastern ports, scheduled to go into effect April 1, and the urgent need of the government to announce without delay the setting aside of this order under section 53 of the Railway Act in order to prevent a serious reduction in grain prices to western producers.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the hon. member would indicate a little more specifically of what the specific, urgent matter he wishes to discuss consists of.

**Mr. Argue:** The urgent matter consists of order No. 103860 of the board of transport commissioners, which would allow an increase in freight rates on grain moving from Georgian bay to the eastern ports of Saint John and Halifax. It has been announced in the press that the railways intend to take advantage of this order on April 1. Since this is the last day of this session prior to the recess, and in view of the fact that April 1 occurs on Saturday and that this is the only time and the very last time that parliament would have a chance to express an opinion on this subject before the order goes into effect, I suggest that this is an appropriate time to ask for a public debate and to urge upon the government the setting aside of this increase.

I might point out that there is a general ceiling or a general freeze on freight rates, but in the opinion of the board of transport commissioners this general freeze has not applied to the rate in question since they have defined this as an export rate. For these reasons I feel that there is urgency for debate.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I think the question can be answered simply in this way. The order was made by the board of transport commissioners. An appeal was launched to the governor in council. The reasons for judgment on the part of the board of transport commissioners have not yet been delivered to the governor in council, or they had not been delivered at the time of the last inquiry I made. Therefore what is being asked for is a discussion in the house of a matter that falls peculiarly within the authority of the governor in council on appeal. The matter is still sub judice, that being so, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the motion that has been made is premature and out of order.

**Mr. Benidickson:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question—