

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

there will be a big influx very soon of Chinese and Indian immigrants to Canada? If so, will such immigrants be relatively skilled and will they be directed to those areas of Canada that have a manpower shortage?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I have no indication that the information given to the house is correct. I will inquire and, if it is true, I shall give details.

[English]

**LABOUR CONDITIONS****WAGE INCREASES FOR SEASONAL LABOUR FROM WEST INDIES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. E. Madill (Dufferin-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance and I ask him to note it in any event. Does the minister think that the 11.5 per cent to 16 per cent wage increase for West Indies seasonal labour falls within the acceptable percentage for wage increases under his wage restraint proposals?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That question is argumentative.

**RESEARCH****PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Since the Prime Minister has received a report from Professor Plumtre about the feasibility of an international development centre in Canada, I would ask him whether tangible steps have been taken since that report was received.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** No, not yet, Mr. Speaker, but progress has been good. I know my hon. friend is particularly interested in this matter and perhaps I would be able to have a word with him and send him a progress report on it.

**AIR TRANSPORT****OBJECTIONS TO REPORTS ON RECENT PLANE CRASHES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister or his department received a protest from the Canadian [Mr. Sherman.]

Airline Pilots Association about the report on the crash at Uplands airport a while ago? Will the minister arrange to dispose of this matter since this is the third time in recent days that the pilots' association has objected to departmental crash reports?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I shall take note of my hon. friend's question.

**HUMAN RIGHTS****REPORTED DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT IN NORTH**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. On Monday, March 11, the hon. member for Skeena and the right hon. member for Prince Albert asked the Prime Minister questions about reported discrimination in an employment contract in Canada's north. I refer to the case of Terence Whitfield. The Prime Minister said he would like to study this matter before making a statement. It was our understanding that he would make a statement to the house. Is he now in a position to make that statement?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** I have received a long report on the matter, Mr. Speaker, which corrects some of the misunderstandings and distortions arising from published reports. The report is too long for it to be useful in answering this question. I have asked the Minister of Justice to boil it down. Perhaps he will have it ready tomorrow.

**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, March 19, consideration of the motion of Mr. Pilon:

That the name of Mr. Stafford be substituted for the name of Mr. Cowan on the standing committee on broadcasting, films and assistance to the arts;

That the name of Mr. Ryan be substituted for the name of Mr. Cowan on the standing committee on health and welfare;

That the name of Mr. Groos be substituted for the name of Mr. Cowan on the standing committee on veterans affairs;

That the name of Mr. Noël be substituted for the name of Mr. Cowan on the joint committee on printing;

That the name of Mr. Caron be substituted for the name of Mr. Cowan on the joint committee on the parliamentary restaurant;