

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** No, Mr. Speaker. I do not think it would be in the interests of either the *Greenpeace* men or the Canadian government to do that. I spoke to the sponsors of this project some time ago. I said that the best help they can give to this kind of protest is voluntary help which is not associated with the government.

**Mr. Rose:** I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Does the Prime Minister plan to take a similar initiative and wire the good wishes of the government to *Greenpeace III* as he did on the Amchitka voyage of *Greenpeace II*?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will send the hon. member a copy of the telegram that I sent to the *Greenpeace II* mission and the hon. member may want to consider whether it is to be interpreted in the way his question was posed.

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[Translation]

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**

CABANO—ALLEGED REFUSAL OF GRANT FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF CARDBOARD PLANT—REQUEST  
THAT MINISTER REASSURE LOCAL RESIDENTS

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion a question.

The citizens of Cabano are quite worried following the news yesterday that the federal government would not grant \$8 million for the construction of a cardboard factory in Cabano. Would the minister reassure the people of Cabano by stating that the government will indeed grant the funds necessary for the realization of this project of utmost importance?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, the population need neither worry nor rejoice because the case is not closed and no decision has been reached as yet. As soon as it is, all those concerned will be advised accordingly.

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[English]

**AIR TRANSPORT**

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister advise as to the result of the negotiations for the establishment of air service between Canada and the Peoples' Republic of China, in particular with reference to the designated carrier and the appropriate landing rights in Japan?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I can only advise on the first part of the hon. member's question. Talks were held in Peking which were quite successful in terms of resolving a number of techni-

[Mr. Rose.]

cal and related questions. There will have to be a second round of talks. Of course, any relationship to any other country in regard to landing rights is not yet resolved. In partial answer, I might say we will have negotiations with Japan, as I recall, in June of this year.

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**TRANSPORT**

IMPROVEMENT OF TOBERMORY-SOUTH BAY FERRY  
SERVICE

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Can the minister advise the House when we may expect something definite with regard to improved ferry service between Tobermory and South Bay?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Falling back on the standard answer, Mr. Speaker, soon, and I mean within a few days.

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**SHIPPING**

ALLEGED DIRTY CONDITION OF SHIP LOADING FOOD  
FOR BANGLADESH

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to ask the Minister of Transport. It has to do with a vessel now loading part of Canada's gift of food to Bangladesh in Vancouver harbour. The name of the vessel is the *Philippine Admiral*. Will the minister give consideration to looking into the complaints of 50 longshoremen working on that vessel as to the alleged dirty condition of this food ship?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, whenever it is called to my attention that an "Admiral" is dirty or otherwise, I am glad to look into it.

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**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

DISPUTE WITH NABET—TELEGRAM FROM UNION  
REQUESTING MINISTER OF LABOUR TO REVIEW  
NEGOTIATIONS

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. It concerns a question I asked him the other day regarding a telegram sent to him by the NABET people asking the minister to review the negotiating process and the discussions between the CBC and NABET. The minister said he had the matter under study. In view of the importance of an early decision being reached for obvious reasons, has the minister come to any definite conclusion as to what the next move will be as far as his department is concerned?

**Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity this week of meeting informally with representatives of NABET. The federal mediation service is at the disposal of both parties to this dis-