

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Allmand:** Mr. Speaker, my office has been in touch with the hon. member on several occasions. I have written to him giving the details. There are approximately five or six institutions in the Fraser Valley area. If the Speaker will allow me to give the details in respect of the escapes over the last few years from those institutions I would be pleased to do so.

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**ELDORADO NUCLEAR LIMITED**

## REQUEST FOR REPORT ON WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

**Hon. Martin O'Connell (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources or in his absence his parliamentary secretary. Can he assure the House that Eldorado Nuclear Limited is not still disposing of radioactive waste in the town of Port Hope or in the immediate area and does he have a report from Atomic Energy Canada Limited on the waste management program carried on by Eldorado Nuclear Limited at Port Hope and if so will he make it available to the House.

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**Mr. Maurice Foster (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I can give the hon. member that assurance and say that the radioactive material which was dumped in Port Hope was from an old building which was demolished many years ago in the mid-1950s. The Atomic Energy Control Board is reviewing the situation and investigating it. Two actions have been taken to date: first, the St. Mary's school has been closed temporarily while a new ventilation system is being installed; second, the Atomic Energy Control Board and the Ontario Ministry of Health will carry out an extensive radiation survey in the community. A report is being prepared for the minister on the matter and we expect it to be released at the beginning of next week.

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**INDUSTRY**

## CANADAIR—DISPOSITION AFTER ACQUISITION BY GOVERNMENT

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Since the government has decided to exercise its option to purchase Canadair, may I ask the minister what disposition the government proposes to make of this company. Does it intend to operate it as a separate Crown corporation or amalgamate it with de Havilland, or, when it brings it into a viable economic situation, to dispose of it to someone else?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I am not in a position to answer all these questions, but I can tell the hon. member that the closing date on the exercise of the option is January 5, and that various legal steps are now being taken. It is my intention to put in, for a brief period of two, three or four weeks, an

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interim board of directors to replace the present board, although there may be some members retained. In that period I will be making certain decisions with regard to the questions which the hon. member has raised, once I have had the opportunity to consult with the authorities in the aerospace industry and some of my colleagues as to whether there will be an amalgamation, whether we would continue to operate them separately, or various other permutations that are possible on those plans.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** May I ask the minister whether this means that the government is acquiring Canadair without any clear cut policy as to how it is going to fit into the aviation industry in Canada, and will he undertake to make a statement in the House as soon as the government has reached a decision regarding this matter?

**Mr. Jamieson:** In answer to the first point, we have a clear cut plan. Obviously, it is to have Canadian control over the aerospace industry. My answers were on the rather narrow point of what would be the corporate structure which would be most advisable, and there are differences of opinion as to whether they should be retained as separate entities or amalgamated. But when the appropriate moment arises, I will be glad, either in the House or wherever is most appropriate, to indicate what our intentions are in this regard.

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**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

## SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF PROGRAM OF EXPANSION RATHER THAN RESTRAINT

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that this may be one of the last opportunities I have before the Christmas season, and in view of the fact that the charade which has been going on for the last two months in Canada is pretty well exposed as being the wrong course for Canada, would the Prime Minister give serious consideration over the next three or four weeks to re-examining the whole course that the government is taking because I believe it is heading us toward a recession, and would he turn the whole program of the government around into one of expansion so as to give the government time to get at the basic cause of inflation, which this program is not doing?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I assure the hon. member that, although he seems to differ from some of the financial critics in his own party, his concern is one which is shared by this government. I would point out to him that when he suggests the need for expansion, the federal government has had expansionary budgets. It has one now, and the forecast which the Minister of Finance has been giving is one of a substantial budget deficit, which means an expansionary budget. Therefore, I thank the hon. member for his support. I take his warning seriously and will give consideration to the matters he suggests, but I suggest he might have some missionary work to do in his own party.