Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether the question as asked is in order.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I think it is a very important question. Since this government is supposedly doing all it can to support education in this country and since the Prime Minister has taken it on himself to refer to our universities as "pip squeaks", I think for the sake of our students he ought to identify the universities he referred to.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

FISHERIES

ACTION TO ASSIST EAST COAST GROUNDFISH INDUSTRY

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries. Is he now in a position to announce government policy on the form of interim assistance for our east coast groundfish industry, as promised before Christmas?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for St. John's West asked a similar question on Friday and my parliamentary secretary took it as notice. Actually, within the month we will be outlining the short, medium and long term development program for the groundfish industry in the Atlantic region. One of the main objectives of this program will be to ensure that the prices paid to fishermen will be maintained at or about the 1968 level. Measures to be taken will include loans, which will help to improve the efficiency of the groundfish industry and make all phases of the industry more attractive from the income point of view.

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SALT FISH MARKETING CORPORATION

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in view of the discussion on January 16 regarding the setting up of marketing boards, could the minister say when the government will be in a position to announce that a salt fish marketing corporation will be set up?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, this matter is under active discussion and I will be discussing it with the representatives of the Newfoundland trade and federation of fishermen very shortly.

[Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond).]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

SYDNEY, N.S.-REPLACEMENT OF CAR SHOP

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the loss by fire of the Canadian National car shop at Sydney has the minister, in the interests of continued efficiency and employment, made strong representations to the management of the C.N.R. to have the shop replaced as quickly as possible and, if not, would he give the house an undertaking to take this step at the earliest possible opportunity?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to pass along the hon. member's representation to the management of the railway.

AIR TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE FATIGUE FACTOR IN JET PILOT OPERATIONS

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, last week in a number of questions undertakings were sought of the Minister of Transport by myself, the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch) and the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax (Mr. Forrestall) concerning long hours of flying by Air Canada pilots operating passenger jets. The minister undertook to reply to all those questions some time this week. Is he now in a position to answer, in view of the inherent great dangers to the travelling public?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have received a considerable amount of information since that time, but in respect to the one particular question asked by the hon. member the information supplied to me is incomplete and I would prefer to have time to get the supplementary data required before answering.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, in view of the limitations in that respect contained in the aeronautics legislation, concerning the hours of work within which air crews must limit themselves, is there any disciplinary action or criminal proceedings contemplated against anyone for the breach of those regulations or laws?

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, first of all I must deny the allegation, and then go on to say that if the hon. member was talking about the