

Mr. Lewis: That is what I surmised. I repeat my question. Are any discussions being carried on between United States and Canadian authorities on the possible deployment of anti-ballistic missiles in the Canadian north or in any other part of Canada?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): None at all, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Lewis: I have a supplementary question for the minister. I wish to ask him whether the authorities in Washington have kept the Canadian government informed about their ABM future plans and the deployment of anti-ballistic missiles near the Canadian border. While he is answering that question, could he also inform the House whether there have been any discussions with regard to the proposed AWACS program and Canada's possible part therein?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could read the hon. gentleman's questions in *Hansard* and give him a more definitive answer tomorrow or the next day.

ADDITIONAL DETECTION FACILITIES IN CANADIAN NORTH AS PART OF U.S. ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Defence. May I ask the minister whether any discussions are taking place regarding construction of additional and more refined radar and other detection facilities in the northern or any other part of Canada, which will be connected with the anti-ballistic missile system in the United States, or is construction actually taking place?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): I know of none.

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): I wonder if the minister at the same time would inform the House whether any information of this kind is received by the Canadian government from Russia?

LABOUR CONDITIONS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL UNIONS

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, concern has been expressed in the House today regarding the export of Canadian gas, but my question concerns the export of another commodity. Has the Prime Minister given consideration to the issuance of a statement regarding the matter of interna-

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tional unions in view of the fact that figures have been published which would indicate that over the past six years unions based in the United States have taken from Canadian workers dues that exceeded benefits to the extent of \$68 million?

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo.

AIRPORTS

TORONTO—INQUIRY AS TO DECISION ON NEW SITE

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I make no apology for the fact that I represent parts of the four most important counties in the province of Ontario. I have a question for the Minister of Transport. It is in connection with the new airport that is proposed to be built north and west of Toronto. Some time ago the minister indicated that a decision would be handed down this fall. In view of the interest in many areas, particularly in my own riding, can the minister advise when we may expect a statement and decision on this very important matter?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I thank the hon. member for whatever it is—for his question. The situation is as follows: In the first instance the detailed studies referred to in earlier questions and answers have been completed. The data, which is formidable in terms of size, is now being prepared in report form in order to get it down to manageable size. We will be holding discussions with the province of Ontario, as I committed myself to do, as soon as this work is completed, which I would anticipate would be within ten days to two weeks. The nature of our discussions with the province of Ontario will be to see if some mechanism can be devised whereby we can obtain the maximum amount of public participation in this matter before a decision is made. The central problem remains the one I mentioned in June, protection against the possibility of land speculation in advance of our final decision.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister. Have the proposed sites been narrowed down to three, four or five, and is the area of Beverley township, which is in my riding, one of them?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!