

[English]

## AIR TRANSPORT

## AUTAIR HELICOPTERS LTD.—APPEAL FROM BOARD ORDER

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport.

Did the minister receive a notice of appeal from Autair Helicopter Services Limited concerning Order No. 4245 of the Air Transport Board and, if so, could he tell the house how he dealt with that appeal?

[English]

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I did receive such an appeal, and I disposed of it yesterday by allowing the appeal which asked that the suspension of the licence should not take place until there had been a public hearing. It might be convenient for hon. Members if I were to table the three documents concerned, the order of the Board, the appeal and the judgment I made on the appeal.

**Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Témiscamigue):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that about 100 persons now employed will be thrown out of work because of the order of the Air Transport Board, will the Minister consider staying the suspension of the firms operations until the appeal has been disposed of?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** That is precisely what I did, of course, by allowing the appeal. The appeal was against suspension before a hearing had been held, and I agreed with the appellant that a hearing should be held before there was any suspension of the licence.

**Mr. Martineau:** Is the Minister then stating that the company will be allowed to continue its operations pending the appeal hearing?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** That is precisely the purport of the judgment, which the hon. Member can read.

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Lawrence E. Kindt (MacLeod):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. What action do he and the Government intend to take to prevent the flight of capital from Canada result-

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ing from the drop in the stock market and the policies of the Government?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I find this question extremely interesting but I do not see how in the next two or three minutes it is possible to give a detailed reply to this very important question.

## COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS

## REPORTED PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, both for a very good reason, I should like to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Has the Government of the United Kingdom or the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Right Hon. Arthur George Bottomley, indicated to the Canadian Government that at the Prime Ministers' Conference a recommendation will be made by that Minister for the setting up among the Commonwealth nations of a representative assembly? What is going to be the attitude of Canada in this regard? I ask this question because there is no possibility of discussing this matter; and may I indicate at once that in asking the question I am not giving any support whatever to the suggestion.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, in the first place, obviously this is a question with regard to which I have no information. I have not heard of any such proposition but in any case I would hesitate, with my limited capacities, to answer it. The Prime Minister will be in his place tomorrow, and I am sure he will be glad to have had notice so he can prepare the very careful reply that I am sure he will wish to make to so far reaching a suggestion.

## CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

## MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Gustave Blouin (Saguenay):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State.

Could he tell the house whether a date has been set for a meeting of hon. members