

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Will the House allow the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre to ask a question. He has the floor at present.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I do not think that question is in order.

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**CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION****CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF DIRECTORS—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question either to the Prime Minister or to the Minister of Finance. In view of the very large number of corporation directorships held by 19 of the directors of the Canada Development Corporation, will the government consider asking these gentlemen and Mrs. Thur to do as ministers of the Crown have done for many years, namely, divest themselves of these directorships so that there will not be a conflict of interest?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** The answer is no. The fact that the gentlemen who are directors of the CDC have directorships in other corporations, and had them before they became directors of CDC, indicates that they are people of first class quality and we want them to direct the CDC. Secondly, we would expect the directors of the CDC to act as directors of all corporations should, namely, where there is a conflict of interest involved they would not get themselves involved in the transaction and would withhold their vote.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Why did you not ask Hal Banks?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Will the Minister of Finance give consideration to the fact that when these directors are directors of banks and finance companies and large American owned corporations, there is danger of conflict of interest which should be avoided?

**Mr. Benson:** Of course, there is always a danger of conflict of interest when a person is a director of more than one corporation, but we trust that the people we have chosen as directors of CDC, whom I think are first class, will behave properly and will not get themselves involved in a conflict of interest.

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Will the minister explain why there has been no appointment to the CDC from the province of Newfoundland?

**Mr. Baldwin:** Because there are no Liberals left there.

**Mr. Bell:** Jim Tucker is in town.

[Later:]

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Finance. In light of the reply that he gave to the questions asked by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, may I ask the Minister of Finance if he would endeavour to persuade corporations in Canada to appoint a much larger number of people to their boards of directors so that we could have a lot more people in this country whom the minister and the government could consider first class—

[Mr. Forrestall.]

**AIRPORTS****ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—OPERABILITY OF INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** My supplementary question is for the Minister of Transport. On December 22, in reply to a question I put to him regarding the instrument landing system at the Torbay airport at St. John's, the minister expressed some doubts as to whether the system was working and promised to reply later. Could he inform the House whether the system is working?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot say specifically because I do not quite understand to what specific instrument landing system the hon. member referred. I am not sure whether he is speaking of new installations or of ones that were in place before, one of which failed. If he is speaking of the one which failed, I may say that I checked personally on December 23 and was told it is now in operation. However, there is additional equipment involved. I am not sure whether it is installed at this moment but I do know that it is in the process of being installed. This is the latest information that I have, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair will recognize the hon. member for St. John's West on a supplementary, but I would point out that the Chair has been trying to recognize hon. members on questions supplementary to the previous question. The question period may become a bit confused but the hon. member for St. John's West has the floor at the moment, and following that I will recognize the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre who has a supplementary to the previous question.

**NUMBER OF LOCATIONS AT WHICH DEVICES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO PREVENT HIJACKING**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, my question again is directed to the Minister of Transport. I should inform him that the system to which I referred was the one which, on February 15, 1970, was promised would be inaugurated. My question is supplementary to the one asked by my colleague from St. John's East. If the minister is unable to name the airports where detection devices have been installed can he tell the House how many airports, the number of airports at which the system has been installed?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I find it difficult without abusing your prerogatives, Mr. Speaker, to find how this is supplementary, but the answer is that I am not prepared to give that information publicly.