

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, we have not departed from any established practice with regard to the release of documents. These are internal documents. I believe there was a thorough discussion of this in the last session of parliament. I believe our views were aired before parliament.

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#### LABOUR RELATIONS

##### ROTATING STRIKES BY MEMBERS OF AIRLINE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION—INTERVENTION BY MINISTER TO SETTLE DISPUTE

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour relating to the rotating strikes taking place today in Halifax, Montreal, Sept-Îles, Vancouver, Victoria, Toronto and Hamilton. Can the minister bring us up to date as to what form the rotating strikes are taking? Mediation does not seem to be bringing about the desired result. Is the minister now prepared to personally look into this matter? Also, will he advise what special initiatives he is taking with regard to the problems that now exist at Charles de Gaulle airport in France where there seems to be some friction at the present time?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I can advise the hon. member that, as he is no doubt aware, mediation efforts were going on yesterday and are again going on this morning. The report I received roughly one hour or so ago seemed quite optimistic that this dispute may be settled and the implications involved that the hon. member identified will no longer be with us.

##### DISPUTE BETWEEN SEAFARERS UNION AND LAKE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION—INITIATIVES BY MINISTER TO ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Can the Minister of Labour advise the House about another industrial dispute of some importance? If negotiations between the Seafarers Union and the Lake Carriers Association break down, the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway on April 1 will be affected. What special initiatives has the minister taken with regard to this matter in order that amicable settlement may be reached?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I am an eternal optimist. I also had discussions with various people concerned in this dispute. I am also hopeful that any type of breakdown at a crucial time such as April 1 will be avoided by a settlement.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Fraser Valley West. Is it a supplementary?

**Mr. Rose:** It is not a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the Chair might allow the hon. member for Winnipeg North a supplementary.

#### Oral Questions

##### ROTATING STRIKES BY MEMBERS OF AIRLINE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION—SUGGESTED REORGANIZATION OF AIR CANADA LABOUR RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Labour whether he and the Minister of Transport have discussed or are considering discussing with senior officials of Air Canada the fact that this is not the first dispute with a group of Air Canada employees, there having been disputes with the machinists and airline pilots, and whether there needs to be a thorough look at and reorganization of the whole labour relations department of Air Canada so that the public will not be faced with recurring stoppages, rotating strikes, slowdowns, work to rule and so on?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have had discussions with the Minister of Transport of the general nature that the hon. member has described. I would also advise the hon. member that extensive changes are going on within the industrial relations department of Air Canada. We are hopeful these will have beneficial results in the future.

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#### TRANSPORT

##### PROPOSALS TO CABINET FOR NEW TRANSPORTATION POLICY

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Yesterday all members, especially those from western Canada, were intrigued by the statement of the Minister of Transport that he had failed to win the cabinet over to his side or had not yet presented his proposals to cabinet regarding the improvement of Canada's transportation system. Can the Prime Minister tell the House when these proposals are likely to be before cabinet and how soon a decision will be reached on this very important matter?

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**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member must be referring to a series of measures which the minister and, indeed, the Speech from the Throne indicated would be necessary and would be taken. Some have already been before cabinet and have been announced; for instance, the increase in rail cars to the tune of some 2,400 through repairs. Others are yet to come and will be announced in due course.

##### RAILWAY FREIGHT RATE INCREASE ON STEEL—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** In view of the fact that certain grades or classes of steel in the Vancouver market are double the price at which they sell in Montreal, and in view of the Minister of Transport's pledge to western premiers concerning a rollback of steel freight rate increases and his revelation last week of his lack of control over the railways, can the Prime Minister tell the House how we are going to effect such a rollback or exert more control over the railroads and when legislation, if