

*Oral Questions***AIRPORTS****PICKERING—SUGGESTED HALTING OF DESIGN, PLANNING AND LAND ACQUISITION IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERCITY TRAVEL**

Mr. John Harney (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In light of the minister's statement yesterday to the effect that planning for major airports at Montreal and Toronto did not take into consideration modern developments in intercity travel, does the minister intend to use whatever power he has, if any, to call a halt now to design, planning and land acquisition with regard to the ill conceived airport at Pickering?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, during a very straightforward discussion with the press yesterday, I talked about all the things that could have happened, including what could have happened if we had known 20 years ago what we know today. I think that the newspaperman reported this discussion very honestly, but to conclude that this was a judgment made upon the case of Pickering and Mirabel is to go too far.

Mr. Harney: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary to the reluctant minister.

[English]

I return to the point just made by the minister. In view of the fact that the hearing which is now going on will not take into consideration the knowledge the minister claims was there and was evident before the decision to build the airport was taken, will the minister please undertake to review the whole decision to proceed with the vast expenditures involved this year in the planning and design of the airport?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, the only thing I said, and I think that everybody in the House will accept it as being reasonable, is that if we had known, say 10 or 15 years ago or maybe even five years ago, that it would be possible to have trains running as fast as 200 or 300 miles an hour, maybe we would have made a decision that would have been different from the one we made. That is all.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There are only a few minutes left before the end of the question period. Perhaps the Chair might be allowed to recognize the right hon. member for Prince Albert.

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LABOUR RELATIONS**DISPUTE BETWEEN SEAFARERS' UNION AND LAKE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION—REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT**

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I am always impressed by the Minister of Transport who spoke of trains travelling 300 miles an hour. It indicates how far ahead he is of actualities.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Munro (Hamilton East).]

Mr. Diefenbaker: He is thinking of Air Canada. In view of the fact that no action at all has been taken by the pusillanimous Minister of Labour, will the minister look into this situation regarding the Seafarers' Union dispute and do what he can, because all over western Canada people such as the chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board and others are saying that failure to act will constitute a terrible blow to this country. Apparently nothing is being done. I appeal to him because he gets things done.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I regret to hear the hon. member say that because some things are being done, and I must admit publicly that the Minister of Labour is not only my colleague but one of my good friends and I have a lot of confidence in his capacity and ability.

Mr. Diefenbaker: You are alone.

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SPORTS**INTENTION TO BAN TORONTO FRANCHISE IN WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE—SCOPE OF POSSIBLE LEGISLATION**

Mr. Ron Atkey (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of further statements by the minister over the weekend concerning his intention to ban a Toronto franchise in the World Football League and the additional indication by the Minister of Justice in committee last night that his officials are drafting legislation together with the minister's officials for presentation to cabinet tomorrow, would the minister indicate whether such legislation will apply to sports other than football and will it involve restrictions on the televising of American sporting events by Canadian stations?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to say that, contrary to the party opposite, this government and this party are not speaking with one voice in the west, one in the east, one in Toronto and one in Montreal.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Your party has no national character.

Mr. Lalonde: What I said over the weekend, while the hon. member was otherwise busy I have no doubt, was that a recommendation will be made to my colleagues in cabinet, and that when a decision is made in cabinet it will be announced in due course. As the hon. member knows, the content of legislation is a subject that is made known when the bill is put forward for first reading. As to the latter part of his question about television, I do not intend to look into this matter at this time.

An hon. Member: Oh, oh!

Mr. Atkey: May I ask the minister whether, in the preparation of the legislation, he has been consulting with the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to clear up the inconsistency between his policy of protecting the