

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is a supplementary one. In view of the fact that a petition mailed by the mayor of Red Deer to my office on February 20 arrived there on April 14, and this problem was not created in the Post Office at Red Deer, can the minister tell this House whether there will be a time when there will be a postal service that Canadians can rely on?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for High Park-Humber Valley.

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### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

#### SECURITY AT OLYMPIC GAMES—NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED AND COST

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice as Acting Solicitor General. In light of the fact that the RCMP will be participating with the Montreal city police in providing security against the possible presence of guerillas and other troublemakers at the 1976 Olympics, can the minister advise the House how many members of the special national crime branch, if any, will be involved, and how much federal money has been assigned to this particular scheme? As there will be so many different agencies involved, perhaps the minister could indicate who will ultimately be in charge of this giant security operation?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The information ought to be sought in another way.

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### INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### GOVERNMENT ACTION TO PROTECT NATIVE HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS

**Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Has the minister received several hundred individually signed petition letters from the Native Women's Association of Manitoba and would he, perhaps, in conjunction with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, see to it that measures are taken to prevent the influx of native-like handicrafts into Manitoba? This undercuts the market of authentic native handmade goods in that province.

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, from looking at the list of the mail coming in, I am not aware of any volume on this particular problem. It is a genuine problem, however. We have endeavoured to promote the stretched beaver pelt as the symbol of the Canadian Indians' handicraft and have endeavoured to sell Canadians on the idea that is the symbol they should look for when buying Canadian handicrafts. It is an ongoing problem, however, and as the hon. member is probably aware a couple of recent cases on that subject had a successful outcome in Ontario.

### Oral Questions

#### INDUSTRY

##### SYSCO STEEL—REQUEST FOR AID IN FINDING MARKETS TO AVOID FURTHER LAY-OFFS

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of the fact that there has been a lay-off of 200 employees at the Sysco steel plant in Sydney and in light of the fact that the management now says there is a softening in the steel market which was not there before according to their own statements, is the minister prepared to make any assistance available through his department to find further markets for steel of that plant? Has he been contacted by any representatives of management of that plant requesting any type of assistance?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether we have received any requests from the company, but we have been very active in trying to promote its products. A member of that company was on a mission that I took to Latin America last year and I think it was a very successful mission for him. Another point I might make is that a senior member of my department has been lent to the Nova Scotia government and has been working with them and Sysco in making plans for a larger and more efficient steel industry in Nova Scotia.

**Mr. Muir:** I thank the hon. Minister for his reply. May I ask if he would take the initiative to have his officials talk to the management of Sysco steel and offer any assistance possible to eliminate the necessity for laying off further workers at the plant?

**Mr. Gillespie:** I would be pleased to do that, Mr. Speaker. I might add that we have been very active in helping Sysco to obtain the supplies of pelletized iron that were so important to its future plans.

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### AIR CANADA

#### REQUEST FOR INQUIRING INTO RELATIONSHIP OF MCGREGOR TRAVEL AGENCY—MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport which I am sure he should be able to answer. He has been in constant contact with his constitutional legal adviser, and another even more dubious source. Is the minister now able to answer the question asked by the hon. member for Central Nova yesterday? Is he able to make a statement in regard to the question involving the consultant's fees alleged to have been paid by Air Canada? In particular, could he deal with the question of why Air Canada did not advise him that this matter was coming up yesterday, in light of the fact that the hon. member for Central Nova had advised Air Canada that he would be raising it?

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**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having asked the question.