

[Later:]

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Secretary of State. He informed us that the report of the person he appointed to look into the program of possible dismissals by the Film Board and the charges to be made for use of films is in the hands of the commissioner of the Board. Has the report also been made available to the employees' association at the Film Board?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and the report is also in the hands of the department but it is being translated. As I said a moment ago, the Commissioner, to whom the report was given, wishes to add certain comments. Naturally, union leaders who feel involved will have the same opportunity. The report was given to all negotiating units of the Board.

[English]

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): A supplementary question to the Secretary of State. In the meantime is the National Film Board proceeding with any further lay-offs or have the proposed lay-offs been suspended? I would also like to inquire about the status of the user charges which were announced prior to the Christmas recess.

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I believe I have dealt with the matter of expenses incurred by those who will be using the National Film Board's films from now on and I have nothing to add in reply to this further question, which is the same as the one directed to me a few minutes ago. In so far as the report is concerned, it contains considerations on this matter.

Finally, I did not quite understand the other part of the hon. member's question. Oh yes, he asked whether there had been any lay-offs. No, there have been no further lay-offs, and there will be none before the report is issued.

[English]

IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BY POLISH SEAMEN

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): My question is to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Can the minister indicate when his department will make a

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final disposition of the cases of the nine Polish seamen still in detention at immigration facilities in Halifax?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Very soon, Mr. Speaker. The case is before me at the present time and I hope to deal with it very soon.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

LAC LA BICHE NEWSTART PROGRAM— REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): My question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion but in his absence I will direct it to the Prime Minister. Because of the government's insufficient supply of operating capital to the Alberta Newstart training centre in Lac La Biche, Alberta, the school was closed about a month ago. The native people have become very incensed and have occupied the school for some three days. They plan to stay there until the school is re-opened. I ask the Prime Minister to ensure that the small sum required to re-open the school will be available very soon.

Mr. Speaker: As the hon. member is making a representation he has to assume the suggestion he is making to the government will be considered.

COMMUNICATIONS

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—REVOKING OF RIGHTS OF CANADIAN NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): My question is directed to the Postmaster General. In view of the fact that a December survey of calls from Ottawa to the Northwest Territories showed that only one in ten could be completed due to the busy lines, can the minister indicate to the House whether consideration is being given to the suggestion that the area rights of Canadian National Telecommunications be revoked?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is making a suggestion. In any event I think this subject, to the extent that it is put in the form of a question, ought to be placed on the Order Paper.

WOMEN

INQUIRY AS TO ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): My question is directed to the Prime

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