

Oral Questions

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, we are making an inquiry about expropriations, which has nothing to do with the environment.

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[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DISCHARGE OF OBLIGATIONS BY UNITED STATES
UNDER GREAT LAKES TREATY

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment. Is the minister satisfied with the progress being made by the United States in discharging its obligations under the Great Lakes Treaty to date?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the minister could reply to the question in other terms. Would the hon. member resume his seat. The hon. member cannot ask whether the minister is satisfied. At this point he is asking for an expression of opinion. A question asked in those terms is irregular, but perhaps the minister might like to reply to the hon. member's question in some way.

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, when the agreement was negotiated with the United States provision was made for follow-up procedures. Later this month there will be a meeting of Canadian and United States officials following which I shall have a more precise answer to that question.

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AIRPORTS

ST JOHN'S, NFLD.—RENOVATION OF FACILITIES TO
ENABLE AIR CANADA TO PROVIDE SERVICE WITH
TRI-STAR AIRCRAFT

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport, notice of which has been given. In view of the statement made in Halifax by the regional director of Air Canada to the effect that they would not be able to carry out the scheduled placing into service of the Lockheed Tri-Star at St. John's airport unless the Department of Transport is prepared to carry out immediately certain renovations of the airport facilities and in view of the urgency of this question, can the minister inform the House whether the renovation of the terminal and other facilities will be carried out in time?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, representatives of my department will meet with Air Canada tomorrow, January 16, and I hope that as a result the problem of space requirements for the Lockheed Tri-Star can be solved.

[Mr. Fraser.]

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—RUNWAY EXPANSION—
REQUEST THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY BE
PROVIDED TO EXPROPRIATION HEARINGS

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the one addressed to the Minister of Transport by the hon. member for Vancouver South but I should like to address it to the Minister of the Environment. Has the Department of Transport requested the Department of the Environment to do an environmental impact study on the expansion of Vancouver international airport and, if so, will this report be presented to the hearings which commence next Wednesday?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that it has but I believe it has. I will give an answer to that question to the hon. member tomorrow. Our basic policy is that we should prepare environmental impact studies and that they should be made available to the general public.

Mr. Reynolds: Have environmental impact studies also been done for the Pickering airport and the St. Scholastique airport and are they ready and available?

Mr. Davis: Mr. Speaker, studies have been carried out with respect to those airports.

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AIR TRANSPORT

CANADIAN CARRIER TO BE AWARDED RECIPROCAL
LANDING RIGHTS AT MILAN, ITALY

Mr. Terry O'Connor (Halton): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise the House when the government will announce which of our international air carriers will be awarded reciprocal landing rights with Alitalia in Milan, Italy?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I hope that we will be in a position to announce that soon.

Mr. O'Connor: In view of the fact that last year the government said it would make this announcement by January 1, 1973, does the minister not feel that the government has been derelict in its duty to the Canadian people.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That, of course, is not a question and cannot be asked.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

EQUAL CONSIDERATION FOR FEMALE SCIENTISTS AND
TECHNOLOGISTS IN MAKING DEPARTMENTAL
APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the most attractive member of the Cabinet—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!