

the twentieth anniversary of the Cuban revolution on July 26?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs has answered this type of question before and indicated that many representations have been made by the Department of External Affairs and by our embassy and that we continue to make such representations.

Mr. Atkey: Is the right hon. gentleman taking into account that the prisoner himself, through his family, has personally requested the intervention of the right hon. gentleman?

Mr. Trudeau: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I was made aware of that fact.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

WESTERN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE— RESPONSE OF ATLANTIC PROVINCES TO INVITATION TO ATTEND

Mr. Tom Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Has the Prime Minister received any response from the Atlantic provinces regarding the invitation to those provinces to attend the western conference, particularly to Premier Regan who was most outspoken of the Minister of Transport's understanding of the transportation problems which will be discussed at that conference?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the invitation was made to other than the four western provinces to send representatives. I do not have a tally of the various decisions that were made by the various provinces, particularly the province of Nova Scotia so ably led by Premier Regan—

Mr. Hees: You have a great sense of comedy, Pierre.

Mr. Trudeau: I will certainly get the answer to this question and perhaps give the details tomorrow.

Mr. Bell: My question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the minister replied to the able premier of Nova Scotia and his very severe criticism of the transportation understanding that the minister has?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that the hon. gentleman was in the House yesterday, but I think I answered this question put to me by the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the Leader of the Opposition on a supplementary question, and then the hon. member for New Westminister.

Oral Questions

TRANSPORT

ATLANTIC PROVINCES—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Transport tell the House when he expects a report from the committee of officials, of which one of his officials is the chairman on the matter submitted to that committee by the minister and the four Atlantic premiers?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I know that there is supposed to be a meeting of officials before the end of the month. The fact that the chairman of the committee is a federal civil servant does not mean that he decides by himself when the report will be submitted.

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SPORTS

INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT POLICY ON ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminister): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the telegram sent by the Minister of National Health and Welfare to the Canadian Squash Rackets Association congratulating them on their decision not to participate in the international tournament in Johannesburg, South Africa, would the Prime Minister advise the House if this telegram represents government policy regarding athletic participation in South Africa?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to make myself aware of the text of the telegram, and then I may be able to ascertain whether it is from a squash rackets fan or from a member of the government as such. I will have to look into it.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members will appreciate that we have reached the end of the question period. I will allow the hon. member for New Westminister a supplementary and then recognize the hon. member for Charlevoix and perhaps another hon. member before calling Orders of the Day.

Mr. Leggatt: The telegram, in substance, was circulated to all hon. members. In view of the recently revealed facts about the exploitation of black labour in southern African countries by large corporations based in Canada, namely, Ford of Canada, Aluminum Company of Canada, Falconbridge—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Will the hon. member resume his seat. He was recognized for the purpose of asking a supplementary. I hope he will do this now.

Mr. Leggatt: I will get to my question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Prime Minister indicate to the House whether or not the government intends to cut off those corporations based in Canada from the federal dole until they