

Oral Questions

charge of such a decision, and will the minister reverse this blot on the Canadian record?

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Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I doubt whether I could live up to the advance billing of the hon. member, but I am aware that there was an exhibition at Canada House entitled "Room for Self-Explanation". That may be of interest to hon. members. In essence, and without referring to all the phraseology before me, the exhibit was removed as a result of a decision of the Canadian High Commissioner because he thought that certain portrayals—one particular portrayal—might be offensive or unacceptable to certain persons who may be using Canada House for purposes other than purposes of self-explanation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fairweather: Would the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs arrange for the Canadian High Commission to visit the Prado in Madrid?

Mr. MacEachen: Well, that work may be equally disturbing.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members will realize that since today is the final allotted day, the House will go through the usual procedures pertaining to supply later on this afternoon. In view of recent practices from which we have benefitted whereby hon. members have been provided supply bills as far as possible in advance of their actual consideration, I hope the House will agree, as it has in the past, that the bill be distributed at this moment. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to indicate as well that a number of hon. members have conveyed to me their compliments to the *Hansard* reporting staff and to all those associated with both French and English *Journals* and *Debates* with respect to the very diligent job they did, somewhat above and beyond the call of duty.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: In the spirit of good will which was so evident during the question period I extend the usual invitation to hon. members. I think they have all been invited. The invitation is extended to members of the press gallery as well and, whatever the event of the supply proceedings later on, although the beginning of the festivities for the guests here may be retarded somewhat, I certainly hope that will not in any way detract from the quality of the soirée later on.

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. It has to do with my question to the House leader and my second question which was answered by the parliamentary secretary. The parliamentary secretary stated that I misinformed the House with regard to

[Mr. Fairweather.]

Mr. Taylor's remarks in committee yesterday about employee morale. I would like to point out to the House that 1,000 Air Canada employees have formed an organization called "Canadian Aviation Fellowship" because of their concern about conditions at Dorval. I received a telegram from them which states:

Our survey on Air Canada employees at all levels indicates that Air Canada President Taylor totally misinformed . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The point at issue really is not the question of morale, which is obviously an arguable question. It seems to me that, as far as any possible question of privilege is concerned, the point at issue has to do with what the president of Air Canada had to say about that subject last night. I do not think the hon. member can now get into an argument as to who is right or wrong about the morale of the employees of Air Canada.

What could be argued, I suppose, if the hon. member seeks the floor on a question of privilege, is whether he is correct and not the parliamentary secretary in interpreting the words of the president of Air Canada before the committee. However, I do not think that goes directly to the issue. If the answer was that the hon. member did not correctly relate the words of the president of Air Canada to that committee, that would be an issue of privilege.

Mr. McKenzie: Further to that, Mr. Speaker, if 2,600 employees of Air Canada requesting a transfer out of the province of Quebec is not a problem, nothing is a problem. There is a serious problem, and that is why I directed my question to the House leader and that is why my motion was accepted yesterday. There is a very serious morale problem when 2,600 employees are asking to be moved out of the province of Quebec.

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify the matter. The hon. member mentioned yesterday what he has just told the House and the president of Air Canada said that this statement was without foundation and that it did not reflect the situation among Air Canada employees. According to him, this resolution has been rejected by the committee. The chairman mentioned that further discussion on this will be put on the agenda of the committee.

[English]

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order arising out of the oral question period today. The hon. member for Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo (Mr. Beatty) requested the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) to table certain documents which had been referred to by the Solicitor General and the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer), the latter in his statement yesterday and the former in his statement to the House on Friday. Regarding the references of the Minister of Supply and Services I refer Your Honour to page 6968 of *Hansard* where reference is made to a letter from the RCMP to the minister, and again another reference earlier on where reference is made to the APLQ's letter, again in the same