

Mr. Lewis: I have a further short supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Do I gather from the minister's answer that he has made an undertaking to the House that in his budget he will deal with forecasts of the levels of unemployment in 1972 and 1973 and that since he refused to deal with my questions now he will definitely deal with them in his budget speech? Is that an undertaking to the House?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I will talk about the art of forecasting on Monday night.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES—ACTION IN LIGHT OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT FORECASTS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion who no doubt is familiar with the alarm expressed by APEC regarding the unemployment outlook in the Atlantic provinces. Is he aware of the disappointing capital investment forecasts to which APEC has drawn attention, and does he propose to take any action in this regard?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I think that the House will be glad to learn that Michelin is expanding, as it has announced today, and is going to create about 1,200 new jobs.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Later:]

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to a previous question with respect to the 1,200 jobs referred to by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Two years ago he referred to 1,200 miners being employed in a colliery that will not be open for another two years. Are those the same 1,200 he is talking about now?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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AIRPORTS

PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. I know he will not make a false statement, like the Minister of Supply and Services—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Withdraw!

Mr. Diefenbaker: —who went outside the House yesterday and said he was wrong.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw!

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I was not going to rise on a question of privilege but in view of the interruption of that inconnu in the back seat I want to say this. Yesterday the Minister of Supply and Services said the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had suggested the removal of the Canadian coat of arms—

Mr. Sharp: He never said that.

Mr. Diefenbaker: —in the interests of security. That statement was false, because he went outside the chamber to appear on television and said he was not referring to that when he answered the question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Minister of Transport about the situation in connection with the Pickering airport. Has he received a request from John J. Robinette, counsel for the People or Planes Committee, suggesting that as the location of this airport is a very controversial one and "the first and basic question which arises in the minds of most people is whether a second airport in the vicinity of Toronto is needed at the present time," and suggesting the setting up—

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: —the appointment of a commission—

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, they are ringing bells. They will be wringing their hands in a few months.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: In that letter, he suggested that a commissioner be appointed under the Inquiries Act, "to inquire into and to report upon the question" as to whether such a second airport is now needed. Has he received such a request and what action, if any, is going to be taken thereon?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I received the request and it is presently being considered.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. member for Prince Albert on a supplementary.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I like this.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: The louder they howl, Mr. Speaker, the more you realize they are here only for a short time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I come back to the second part of the question. The minister is usually very facile and very truthful in his answers. Is any action going to be taken thereon, or is it going to be considered?