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AIRPORTS**QUEBEC—INQUIRY AS TO CONSTRUCTION IN EASTERN TOWNSHIPS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lionel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

Since the area between Drummondville and Saint-Hyacinthe would be an ideal place for an international airport and as he has received some briefs about the matter, could the minister tell the house if he intends to make a thorough study on the possibility of establishing such an airport in that area?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest that the hon. member should place his question on the order paper.

[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS**REQUEST FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY IN NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. Some time ago I asked him to look into an allegation of discrimination apparently indicated by a young lady regarding Eskimos. Is he now prepared to make a statement in that regard inasmuch as he did undertake to look into the matter?

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having raised the problem of discrimination. I think all hon. members of the house would applaud his efforts. Since my answer is rather lengthy I would prefer to read it on motions on Monday. In the meantime, I will send a copy to the hon. member so he can be prepared. I want to assure the house that there is no evidence of discrimination but on the contrary there seems to have been a sincere attempt on the part of the previous and present Ministers of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to make sure that just the opposite is true.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—ANNOUNCEMENT OF POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question

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to the parliamentary secretary to the Postmaster General. Is he aware of an announcement made yesterday in St. John's by a private citizen to the effect that a new post office is to be built in that city? Was the private citizen in question authorized by the department to make this announcement? This private citizen, sir, was supposed to have been speaking on behalf of the Minister of Defence Production.

Mr. Baldwin: I rise on a point or order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Carter: I would address my question to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker: Order, the hon. member has asked a question.

Some hon. Members: There was no answer.

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The Postmaster General is not here today.

Mr. Carter: I rise on a point of order, sir. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether it is the policy of his government to have private citizens with no official status make announcements of this nature? This has happened twice in as many months in my riding. I ask the Prime Minister, is he responsible for the policy?

Mr. Trudeau: I have asked the Postmaster General to ensure that questions relating to his department will be answered tomorrow.

PRIVILEGE**MR. BREWIN—EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CANADIAN AND NIGERIAN AMBASSADORS TO UN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. This is the first opportunity I have had to do so. Earlier this afternoon the Secretary of State for External Affairs obtained from the house leave to table correspondence between the Canadian ambassador to the United Nations and the Nigerian ambassador to the United Nations. This correspondence contains a reference to myself by name and contains an implication that I have misstated questions of fact to this house when I made a reference to an interview with Dr. Arikpo in New York. The fact is, as *Hansard* will show, that the letter from the Canadian ambassador does not correctly refer to the statement made by me and the answer by the Nigerian ambassador