

*Inquiries of the Ministry***AIR CANADA****STATUS OF ORDERS FOR LOCKHEED TRI-STAR AIRCRAFT
IN VIEW OF ROLLS-ROYCE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES—
EFFECT ON CANADIAN SUBCONTRACTORS**

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Would he inform the House what the status is of Air Canada orders for Tri-Star aircraft in light of the fact that, because of difficulties the RB-211 Rolls-Royce engines will not be available for these aircraft at the scheduled time?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the comment that the engines will not be available is of course correct in terms of the specified time. I understand negotiations are proceeding in London today with the British government and Lockheed with a view to reactivating the order for the Rolls-Royce engines. In the interim Air Canada and all other airlines which have placed orders for the Tri-Star are holding their plans in abeyance until they see the outcome of the talks in London.

Mr. MacLean: Is it correct to assume that Air Canada has not developed any contingency plans yet to obtain substitute equipment if these orders are not filled?

Mr. Jamieson: I think that would be a correct assumption. There are alternative types of aircraft available which are roughly comparable. At the present time Air Canada still has its queue position in line for the Lockheed Tri-Star and will await the outcome of the talks in London.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the \$30 million loan made on the British market by Air Canada recently, may I ask the minister whether or not that was for the purpose of orders for the Rolls-Royce engines and, if so, has any of this money yet been advanced to Rolls-Royce for these orders?

Mr. Jamieson: I would have to take that question as notice as to the details. My general assumption would be that there was no ill effect so far as Air Canada was concerned because it seems to me it was related to the delivery of the engines for Air Canada's use, but I will get a formal answer for the hon. member as soon as I can.

Mr. MacLean: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Supply and Services. I would like to ask him if he would say what effect the delay or cancellation of these orders by Air Canada would have on subcontractors in the Canadian aircraft industry and whether his department has any contingency plans to relieve the resultant further unemployment which would occur in the Canadian industry?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the delay in the Lockheed program will reduce the workload in a number of plants in Canada, in Edmonton, Winnipeg and other places, but the extent of that reduction cannot be gauged at the present

[Mr. Trudeau.]

time mainly for the reasons the Minister of Transport has just revealed to the House.

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DRUGS**ALLEGED INCREASE IN SMUGGLING OF MARIJUANA AND
HASHISH INTO CANADA—REPRESENTATIONS TO
REDUCE SOURCES OF SUPPLY**

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. Can the minister indicate whether there has been a substantial increase in the smuggling of marijuana and hashish into Canada comparable with that experienced in the United States in the past year and, if so, would he tell us what new initiatives are being taken to combat the problem?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am unable to answer the question of the hon. member, but I can say that an official commission is now studying the problem, and that we are keeping in touch with its members. We are co-operating fully with the commission and we intend to take into consideration the recommendations it will make.

[English]

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary was for the Secretary of State for External Affairs but in his absence I shall direct it to the Prime Minister. Have any representations been made recently—and I am aware of the fact that the Le Dain commission is sitting at the present time—to Mexico and the countries of the Middle East, Central and South America and Southeast Asia to see whether more aggressive action can be taken to reduce the sources of supply of these drugs while awaiting the Le Dain Commission report?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of what or how many representations may have been made. If they have been made they would have been made through the minister responsible for external affairs. Perhaps the question could be addressed to him when he is in the House.

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INDUSTRY**MICHELIN OF CANADA—INQUIRY AS TO SPECIAL
TARIFF CONCESSION**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has the government agreed to a special tariff concession to Michelin of Canada, and are other changes in the tariff structure on tires under consideration?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Michelin tariff arrangement was announced a long time ago. It was referred to in the House on a number of occasions. I will find the proper references and send copies to my hon. friend.