

subject of Rhodesia? If so, is it correct that Mr. Caplan's current engagements are sponsored by an African organization known as ZAPU?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): It did sound to me like that but I am not sure, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

WAGE INCREASE GIVEN TO STRIKING RAILWAYMEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

I heard him last night on television, and I think he made objective remarks. I even thought at one point that he was becoming a *Créditiste*.

Here is my question, Mr. Speaker. The minister said last night that the 18 per cent increase granted to the railway workers within two years is a minimum, but does he feel that after the negotiations they will obtain more than the 18 per cent he mentioned last night?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it is the mediator or the arbitrator who will eventually settle this matter.

[English]

BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): I wonder if the Acting Prime Minister can inform the house when he expects the report of the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism will be completed and published.

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): I do not know, but I will find out.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

SPENCE ROYAL COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. A. Bell (Carleton): May I ask the Acting Prime Minister if he can report to the

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house, as a result of his inquiry undertaken yesterday at the request of the hon. member for Ontario, whether the report of the Spence royal commission has been received? Has this savory document been flown to London for the edification of the Prime Minister?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): No, sir.

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): May I ask a supplementary question. Is the Acting Prime Minister in possession of it?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): No, sir.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): The Acting Prime Minister failed to answer the first question, although he did answer the second. Is he going to answer?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I have.

[Later:]

Mr. Winkler: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Could the Acting Prime Minister inform the house whether any member of the cabinet is in possession of the Spence commission report?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): No, sir.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

STEPS TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the statement made in the last few days by the president of the Canadian Medical Association regarding the shortage of medical personnel—and I am asking my question independent of any considerations of medicare—is the government now seriously considering an emergency crash program to recruit medical personnel, including doctors, for Canada?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, this matter is receiving the consideration of the government, but there is no consideration of any crash program.

Mr. Graffey: Could I also ask the minister this question. Since the academic year at our universities is just beginning, is the government seriously considering grants for medical research at the universities so we can keep our medical teachers in Canada?