

yes, precautionary measures have been taken. I think members will be gratified to note that the head of the Pilots Association this morning said he is satisfied we are moving in the right direction. I have considered the possibility of making a statement on motions but have come to the conclusion that it would not be advisable to do so. I am looking at means by which interested members of the House might be apprised, perhaps in camera, of some aspects of the problem.

**Mr. Forrestall:** When?

**Mr. Jamieson:** I will do that as quickly as it is possible to arrange it. However, I think hon. members and the House in general will understand that this is not a matter that can be dealt with in detail, in public.

#### HIJACKING—PROVISION OF SECURITY GUARDS ON PLANES

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps in the interests of the deterrent effect that it might have on any potential hijacker, it might be in the public interest if the minister would be a little more frank in his reply. That is a matter of opinion. May I ask the minister—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member might ask his supplementary question.

**Mr. McGrath:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. My supplementary is as follows. Has the minister received any recommendations, and does he propose to act on those recommendations, regarding in-flight security. In other words, are we now considering providing security guards on flights of Canadian aircraft?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** The answer is no, Mr. Speaker. We are not considering it at the moment and would not consider it without further consultation with the Pilots Association at least, that association up to the moment having said that this is not a solution it favours. There was a meeting yesterday with pilots making up part of the Pilots Association along with, as I understand, some international pilots, and as a result there may be coming forward to me some additional recommendations. At the moment they have not arrived. As I understand their position, and it is one with which I agree, they do not favour the idea of having armed guards on board Canadian aircraft.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### POSSIBILITY OF EXTRADITING MAN WHO HIJACKED AIRCRAFT TO CUBA

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has there been any contact, either through regular diplomatic channels or directly, with the government of Cuba with a view to extraditing the man who hijacked an Air Canada aircraft.

**An hon. Member:** Explain.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. McGrath:** Can that be done either under the present extradition treaty or under some other Canadian law?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. First, I should say that the government of Cuba has been very co-operative with us in the handling of the hijacking incident. They enabled the aircraft to return to Canada without any delay. We expect to receive co-operation from the Cuban government. Consideration is now being given to applying for extradition under the present extradition agreement that we have with Cuba.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### AIR PIRACY—CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ONTARIO ON LAYING CHARGES AGAINST HIJACKER

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the Secretary of State for External Affairs collaborating with the provincial attorney general who is responsible for the county of Peel in Ontario, over which the incident took place? Also, have there been conversations with the attorney general of Ontario in connection with the statements that he has publicly made with respect to extradition probabilities.

• (2:20 p.m.)

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Perhaps I can answer that question. The office of the Attorney General of Canada has been in touch with the department of the attorney general of Ontario, and conversations have taken place.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Would the Minister of Justice be kind enough to advise the House whether or not there is a meeting of minds with respect to the public declarations of the officials involved with his administrative people with respect to the laying of charges.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I think that the attorney general of Ontario, like any other attorney general, would not make any statements as to whether he will or will not lay charges.

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#### INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

**Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth):** I have a supplementary question to the one asked the Minister of Transport. Did the Leader of the Opposition leave a forwarding address before leaving on vacation?

**Mr. Forrestall:** Go to hell.

**Mr. Danforth:** What a stupid question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Forrestall:** You can't manage the business of the House, so don't ask stupid questions like this one.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!