

*Bilingualism in Education*

I hope that this program will give these people assistance so that a large number of my constituents in the near future will be trilingual.

I also hope that this program will help the schools, especially the smaller schools and villages that are making efforts to preserve native dialects in their part of the country. I find it very encouraging indeed to walk into a place like Fort Rae, Old Crow in the Yukon, or Fort McPherson where I come from, and see the younger people taking an interest in their native tongue and being given an opportunity to preserve and to learn languages that are dying in many parts of the Northwest Territories. This is sad, but I certainly hope this program will give assistance.

I also see this announcement by the minister as another step toward provincial status for the Northwest Territories by virtue of the fact that that is an intricate government program that will need the co-operation of the territorial administration. I hope other departments will take a look at the program, too. The \$300,000 share of the program, small as it is, will substantially increase in the future, and I hope other departments will look to the north and devise intergovernmental programs to deal with such programs as housing. One of our major pressing problems in the north, which has much to do with other problems like the numbers of poor, people being able to hold on to jobs, young people dropping out of school, is housing.

May I echo the remarks of my hon. friend from the Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) and remind the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (Mr. Jamieson) that he has been conspicuously absent in the north. This is one part of the country that I think can make good use of programs that are brought forward by the minister's department. In conclusion, I am indeed happy with the minister's announcement, and I hope this approach will be continued.

*[Translation]*

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, we understand the very good intentions of the minister and we are grateful to him. Apparently, however, the amounts of money being spent in an effort to promote bilingualism are not giving very good results. Some day the government will have to consider applying adequate solutions to our domestic problems.

Hon. members will no doubt remember that the Social Credit Party has already proposed very adequate solutions which would permit all Canadians, both French-speaking and English-speaking, to really participate in the development of their country.

Mr. Speaker, it is not so much a matter of bilingualism as a matter of mutual respect for the culture and language of the other group. In other words, we must strive for a federal administration where English departments would work side by side with French departments. Then, and only then, would we have real bilingualism.

[Mr. Firth.]

[English]

**LABOUR CONDITIONS**

PROPOSED FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO OPERATIONS OF SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the government has refused to conduct an inquiry into the Seafarers' International Union until specific charges of a federal nature have been laid in this House, in view of the fact that at this time I have in my possession testimony from numerous sources documenting not only violence within the SIU but exposing the illegal election of the president of that union as well as illegal meetings held for purposes of ratifying a federal contract which the membership of various locals had overwhelmingly rejected, and in view of the fact, therefore, that the federal government must be involved in the investigation of these charges, which go beyond the jurisdiction of both the metropolitan Toronto and the Ontario provincial police forces, based on my specific charges I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta (Mr. Reynolds):

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That the government be immediately instructed to initiate a federal public inquiry into the operations of the Seafarers' International Union with sufficient scope to investigate violence, voting irregularities, hiring hall practices, and all other relative matters.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member raises in this motion a subject which has been before the House on several previous occasions. However, he does allude to the possession of fresh information which may bring the matter into some question of immediacy and urgency. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and requires the unanimous consent of the House before it can be debated. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be debated at this time.

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**AIR CANADA**

DISPUTE WITH FINANCE BRANCH EMPLOYEES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, on the basis of urgent representations that have come to me by telegram from Winnipeg, I seek leave to move a motion under Standing Order 43. I present the motion in reasonable terms that I hope the House will accept. I may say that I have spoken to the minister concerned about my motion.

In view of the difficulties being experienced by the Air Canada finance branch employees in connection with