

## Oral Questions

## AIRPORTS

PICKERING—INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF  
INDEPENDENT STUDY GROUP

**Mr. Ron Atkey (St. Paul's):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Would the minister tell the House when he is going to announce the personnel of the independent study group for Pickering airport, which he first indicated he was going to set up over four months ago?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, as I said in the House and before the committee, I consulted with the government of Ontario and understand that they will shortly be in a position to announce the names of the members of the board of examination.

**Mr. Speaker:** Before returning to motions for the purpose of hearing the statement to be made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs the Chair will allow the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte to ask a supplementary to the question he asked previously and then return to motions.

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## HARBOURS

PROPOSED DEEP WATER PORT AT LORNEVILLE, N.B.—  
REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENT BY  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

**Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Prime Minister in respect of my initial question. In view of the fact that remarks attributed to the Minister of the Environment in New Brunswick over the last weekend were interpreted as virtually negating the policies of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and the Department of Public Works, and that only the Prime Minister can clarify this matter which has created a great deal of uncertainty and worry over the future of the Lorneville development, would the Prime Minister please state where this government stands and what help can government and investors expect to receive in making a healthy development at Lorneville?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Quite simply, the Minister of the Environment has already talked to me about this and I understand he has attempted to get some rectification of the way in which his remarks were reported. The significance of his remarks, and I certainly would support him, is that in any development of this kind we must show due concern for the environment and any development which is proceeded with in these places must be looked at from the point of view of the Minister of the Environment.

[Mr. Richardson.]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

KILLING OF TWO CANADIAN GIRLS AT VICTORIA FALLS,  
RHODESIA—STATEMENT OF MINISTER

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as I have reported to the House earlier, the First Secretary of our High Commission in Lusaka, Mr. A. M. Leith, visited the scene of the shooting incident primarily to assist with the arrangements for the recovery and return to Canada of the body of Miss Sinclair and in regard to the search for the body of Miss Drijber. He also took the occasion to speak to the eye-witnesses of the tragedy and to officials concerned. Mr. Leith left Zambia for Rhodesia before we were aware of the contents of the initial Zambian communiqué. During his journey Mr. Leith received full co-operation from Rhodesian and Zambian authorities concerned and was able to assist in the speedy return to Canada of the body of Miss Sinclair. The information given to Mr. Leith by the eye-witnesses on the Rhodesian side to whom he spoke revealed some serious discrepancies in regard to the Zambian version. For example:

(1) Mr. Leith reported to the effect that there was no evidence of any provocation for the incident so far as he could determine;

(2) As to whether the two Canadian girls had been in the water, the Rhodesian police report on Miss Sinclair's clothing confirmed no evidence of water on her shoes or trousers;

(3) There was no evidence that any member of the party was wearing bandoliers or waterproof gear, and

(4) There was evidence that more than one gun was used and an examination of spent bullets and bullet marks indicated that the shooting had been directed to three locations on the Rhodesian side.

As I have already reported to the House, I have not been satisfied with the version of events contained in the Zambian communiqué. On my instructions our High Commissioner brought to the attention of the Foreign Minister the discrepancies between the information obtained by Mr. Leith and the Zambian communiqué. This interview between our High Commissioner and Foreign Minister Mudenda took place on May 24. Mr. Broadbridge stressed to the Foreign Minister my desire to receive a full and satisfactory statement from the Zambian government immediately. The result of these representations was the receipt of the personal message from the Zambian Foreign Minister which I tabled yesterday. Although this statement expresses the Zambian government's regrets, it leaves a good deal to be desired and I have instructed our High Commissioner to continue to press the Zambian government for a more satisfactory response. When I have received further information from the Zambian authorities I will be in a position to advise the House further.

May I add, Mr. Speaker, a reply to the question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner) regarding a statement in the letter from the Foreign Minister of Zambia that I tabled yesterday which reads as follows: