

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES**

INQUIRY AS TO PURCHASE OF CARAVELLE PLANES

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the many representations from Quebec and the serious unemployment situation in that province, does the government intend to recommend the selection of Caravelle aircraft by T.C.A., in order to give work to the employees of Canadair?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): We will be discussing unemployment at the forthcoming conference with the provinces. On the special point raised by the hon. member, I hope to be able to make an announcement within a few days.

TRADE

BREAD—PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF IMPORT INTO NEW YORK STATE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Real Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of National Revenue, I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. Is he aware of a bill introduced in the legislative assembly of the state of New York with a view to prohibiting the importation of Canadian bread in that state?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, I have not been advised of that resolution, although I have seen a reference to it in the press. I will be glad to look into the matter.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

USE OF WORDS "POSTES" AND "POSTAGE" ON STAMPS

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Jean Chretien (St. Maurice-Lafleche): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General. In view of the reports published in some newspapers, can the minister tell the house if it is true that the words "Postes" and "Postage" used by the Post Office Department will disappear?

Hon. Azellus Denis (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the hon. member's question, I must say that nothing will be done

[Mr. Pearson.]

to change the bilingual character of postage stamps in 1964. As a matter of fact, one will bear the word "Canada", a bilingual word which is very easy to say in both French and English. As far as the others are concerned, they will bear, instead of the words "Postage" or "Postes", another bilingual inscription, to confirm our country's distinctive bilingual character.

Mr. Real Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Postmaster General a supplementary question? Does he not think the time is ripe for him to have his picture on postage stamps?

Mr. Denis: Mr. Speaker, perhaps we ought to have the portrait of the hon. member for Villeneuve put there instead, since he is not long for this world, politically speaking, and he will die eventually. In any case, he is surely aware of the fact that only dead people have their pictures on postage stamps.

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the words "Postes" and "Postage" are to be removed from postage stamps and, as a result, it will be impossible in other parts of the world to know that Canada is a bilingual country, does not the minister feel he ought to reconsider the decision taken and leave those two words there?

Mr. Denis: Mr. Speaker, even if the words "Postes" and "Postage" do not appear on postage stamps, we could still read on them, for instance, "Conférence de Charlottetown" and "Charlottetown Conference".

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TRANSPORT

NOVA SCOTIA—REPORTED CANCELLATION OF SATELLITE TRACKING STATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): May I ask the Minister of Transport if it is correct that the nimbus satellite tracking station proposed for Neil's Harbour will be cancelled because the Canadian government refuses to provide the housing requirements for personnel who would be employed there.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): No, that is not correct.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): May I ask a supplementary question. When is this government going to stop playing touch football with such questions as the Newfoundland ferry and the heavy water plant?

Mr. McIlraith: I do not understand touch football as the hon. member does.