

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

level have been going on for some time with respect to family allowances.

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**AIRPORTS**

PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—ACQUISITION OF CORA BROWN PROPERTY—STUDY OF FUTURE USE OF BURKEVILLE AREA

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport and is further to a previous question concerning the expansion of Vancouver International Airport. Has the minister given final approval to an agreement to acquire the area known as the Cora Brown property?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** No, Mr. Speaker. Final approval to that effect has not been given. There have been continuing discussions with the residents concerned, but they have not been finalized as of this moment so far as I know.

**Mr. Aiken:** May I ask the minister whether he has approved a grant of funds to study the future use of the Burkeville area?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure I can identify the Burkeville area precisely as such. What I have done is to indicate that we will prepare over-all plans for the future use of the whole of Sea Island and I presume that would include this area.

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**URBAN AFFAIRS**

FEDERAL SPENDING—INQUIRY AS TO REVIEW TO ACHIEVE CLOSER CO-OPERATION IN LIGHT OF STATEMENT BY QUEBEC MINISTER

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In light of the statement by Quebec's Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Honourable Gerard Levesque, that federal urban spending hurts more than it helps, is it the intention of the government to review its urban spending with a view to closer co-operation with the aims of provincial and municipal governments?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, without admitting in any way the veracity of the allegations of the so-called minister—I mean the so-called allegations of the minister—

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

**Mr. Hees:** You have done it again!

**Mr. Trudeau:** —the House does know that arrangements have been proposed for a tri-level meeting where representatives of the federal, provincial and municipal governments would come together to discuss this very problem. The House knows that the federal government has been interested for many months now in finding a process

[Mr. Munro.]

whereby we would be able to discuss these problems with the municipalities. It appears that such a process has been discovered and it was referred to in the House just a few days ago by way of an announcement.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Will Paul Hellyer sit in on it?

GOVERNMENT POSITION RESPECTING TRI-LEVEL CONFERENCE OR NATIONAL URBAN COUNCIL

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** As a result of the meeting of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities has the government abandoned its objective of a national urban council in favour of an annual tri-level conference only?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the government has abandoned nothing. It is looking jointly with the provincial and municipal administrations for ways in which they can come together to discuss the very problem which concerns the hon. member. I repeat that a decision has been made and a report has been made by the working group to me and to the other first ministers recommending such a meeting for later this year—in the fall presumably. It has not been decided yet whether it would be an annual meeting, whether it would be ongoing or otherwise. It is the first coming together of these three levels of government.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. There are just ten minutes before the end of the question period. If each hon. member asks one question and two or three supplementaries we will fast reach the end before we can give an opportunity to other members to ask questions. I would recognize the hon. member for Spadina for a last supplementary.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT TRI-LEVEL CONFERENCE

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Is the Prime Minister in a position to indicate whether federal-municipal tax-sharing agreements will be a subject of discussion at the forthcoming tri-level urban conference in November and, if so, would he indicate what the federal government's position on the matter will be?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have very serious doubts about the question. Certainly the first part of the question could very well be placed on the order paper. The second part would invite a rather lengthy statement which should be made on motions. However, if the Prime Minister can reply briefly he will be allowed to do so and then the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Greenwood.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, at this time various authorities are still involved in setting up this consultative process, and I hope it will be successful. The federal government has been pressing for it, but at this stage it is too early to talk about the details of an agenda or the position of the government on this hypothetical agenda.