

Oral Questions

awaiting more and more talk from us. Dr. Pearse has presided over that Royal Commission of Inquiry. I have met with him. At the moment I am studying his report and consulting with various sectors. I hope to be starting the implementation of some of his recommendations, in the very near future.

• (1450)

POSITION OF MINISTER

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I gather from the answer that there is no intention to refer that particular report to the Standing Committee. Would the Minister then be prepared to comment on remarks made by Dr. Pearse in paragraphs 4 and 6 of that Report, since he has been studying it? Dr. Pearse said, "My Inquiry pointed inescapably to deficiencies of Government policy, uncertain objectives, weak and outdated legislation, bad organization, contradictory programs and confusion." In paragraph 6 he said, "The policies are neither coherent nor well suited to modern needs." Would the Minister be prepared to comment on that right now?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Well, Madam Speaker, it is precisely because of the need to take action that I would not think that the fishermen on the West Coast would like to see more talks take place but that we try to implement concrete steps. This is what I intend to do in the very near future.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Will we ever see it referred to the Committee?

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LABOUR RELATIONS

NORDAIR STRIKE—APPOINTMENT OF MEDIATOR

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. In view of the continuing strike at Nordair which has been going on for some four or five months, and which is having a very negative impact in many parts of eastern Canada, and had been a tremendous inconvenience to travellers in northern Ontario and northwestern Ontario especially, is he prepared to take any action now to see that this dispute is resolved?

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of Labour): Madam Speaker, the company has now indicated that it is willing to enter into mediation with the Aerospace International Union of Machinists in the dispute involving the clerical bargaining unit. As soon as I learned this, I appointed a mediator. He will be available as of today to assist in settling the dispute.

AVIATION SAFETY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT—REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. The Minister has had the report of the Minister's Advisory Committee on the Commission of Inquiry into aviation safety before him for some time now. Would he tell the House if he intends to refer that Report to the Standing Committee on Transportation for their comments?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, I assume that my hon. friend is talking about the Dubin Report.

NATURE OF REPORT

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): No, Madam Speaker, the Report that I am talking about is that of the Minister's Advisory Committee. I read it a moment ago. The Minister's Advisory Committee on the Commission of Inquiry into Aviation Safety, which was an outfall of the Dubin Report—that is the Report which I would like to see referred to the Standing Committee on Transportation.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, as I recall, this is an internal document. The advice of the committee that I have had on the subject will be brought forward in the Canadian Air Safety Board Bill which is now ready to be introduced in the House. I hope to send it for discussion to the Committee on Transportation before the New Year.

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ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL—REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, yesterday's *Toronto Star* carried a statement which I think is of interest to Canadians, and to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in particular. There was a statement in yesterday's *Toronto Star* attributed to a Mr. Egon Frech which dealt with the permanent waste disposal of some 500,000 tonnes of atomic waste. That represents the size of a hockey rink filled three feet high. He said, "If it weren't for the public pressure we wouldn't be engaged in disposal research." Would the Minister tell us if the Government's attitude is the same as expressed by Egon Frech and, if not, why does the Government not remove the responsibility for waste disposal research for AECL and give it to an independent body?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, I think that AECL is working in that area but there is a review committee which supervises everything and which has issued some reports on research