Inquiries of the Ministry

interim increased facilities at Charlottetown airport where the situation is very serious?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, some progress is being made. We have done an assessment of the situation. It really does not appear to be reflected so much in the increase in air traffic as in the number of people coming out to see other people off. The first step appears to be to get a larger parking lot and a bigger coffee urn. These are facilities which are very easy to set up.

Mr. Stanfield: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I feel the minister is confused. I am sure the crowding is due to people coming out to welcome people to Prince Edward Island rather than to see them leave.

Mr. Jamieson: I am quite happy to concede that I put it in the wrong order.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

VANCOUVER—TREATMENT OF PRISONER AT AIRPORT

Mr. Grant Deachman (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. Is he aware that the R.C.M.P. brought a shackled and manacled prisoner through the concourse at Vancouver airport? If so, what is he doing to check this kind of barbarity?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of that. I will look into the matter immediately.

An hon. Member: It was in all the papers.

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): I wish to ask a supplementary question in support of the member for Vancouver Quadra. Will the Solicitor General look into the fact, proven by photographs, that this man was taken through the Vancouver airport in a strait-jacket as well as being manacled?

Mr. McIlraith: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I will be very glad to look into all the circumstances surrounding the alleged incident.

PUBLIC SERVICE

ACTIVITIES OF ECONOMISTS AND OTHERS FOLLOWING WAGE INCREASE

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct this question to the President of the Treasury Board. With regard to the announcement that a 19.5 per cent wage increase over a three-year period has been granted to economists, sociologists [Mr. Macquarrie.] and statisticians in the federal public service, will the President of the Treasury Board say whether these economists, sociologists and statisticians will be spending their time studying the so-called inflationary demands of organized labour unions?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is interesting and important, but the way it was asked precludes the Chair from allowing it to be answered.

NATURAL RESOURCES

TOUR OF NORTHERN CANADA BY U.S. GROUP

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the recent tour of water and other resources in northern Canada and Alaska by a group of 68 United States representatives including Senator Moss and in view of their expressed wish to obtain Canadian water from northern Canada for United States use, I should like to ask the minister whether his department has been notified of the reasons for the trip and whether any officials from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources accompanied the group?

Mr. Speaker: I would think that this question should be placed on the order paper or considered at the time of adjournment.

[Translation]

FINANCE

INQUIRY AS TO EXPATRIATION OF CANADIAN CAPITAL—EFFECT ON ECONOMY

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I also have a question for the Minister of Finance.

In view of the fact that the discount rate was maintained by the Bank of Canada for 22 years, including a period of war, depression and inflation, can he tell us whether during those years Canadian capital was exported in such a way that our economy became more unbalanced than it is today?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question seems to be much too general in nature to be asked at this time.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

BASE CONSOLIDATION—CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my