

deal with the government. My question was whether it has informed the government either directly or indirectly that this might happen.

Mr. Mackasey: To the best of my knowledge the answer is no, Mr. Speaker.

AIR TRANSPORT

AIR CANADA STRIKE—EXPANSION OF LICENSING TO MEET ALLEGED MONOPOLY POSITION

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. As several groups of employees of Air Canada during the past two years have demonstrated on several occasions that they have the ability to deny air transportation to the great majority of Canadians who want to use that mode of transportation, and this has been denied for considerable periods of time, as appears to be the case today, has the Prime Minister or the government given consideration to expanding significantly the air transport licences of Canadian Pacific Airlines and other air transport carriers in Canada, and in this way reducing the monopoly position enjoyed by Air Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): May I take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

LABOUR RELATIONS

WOODS REPORT—INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I have a supplementary question which I should like to direct either to the Prime Minister or to the Minister of Labour. In view of the numerous strikes in Canada in these essential industries, has the government given serious consideration to implementing the recommendations of the Woods report.

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): The basic philosophy of the Woods report is that there should be a minimum of government interference with labour relations in this country. I should like to remind the hon. member that the official labour spokesman for his party, as well as hon. gentlemen on the front bench opposite me, endorsed the philosophy of the Freedman report, again a very pro-labour report, showing a progressive attitude on the part of the opposition. I

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hope no one will suggest reactionary solutions to this strike since strikes are inevitable under free collective bargaining. This sort of strike has taken place before in Canada and I think will take place periodically in the future. If we want to live in a democracy we shall have to get used to the idea. I do not think we are faced with a national emergency. It is true the strike is disruptive and unpleasant, but I repeat that there are alternative methods of transportation available and Canadians will have to use them in the interval.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

INDUSTRY

DEVCO—COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF MINERS

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, with respect to another Crown corporation called Devco. Why, then, did the minister support the plan for the compulsory retirement of these employees at the age of 60?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

WATER RESOURCES

POLLUTION OF CANADA-U.S. BOUNDARY WATERS

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I direct a question to the Prime Minister regarding the confidential report which has been submitted to the International Joint Commission on the subject of the pollution of Canadian-United States boundary waters? In view of the fact that Mr. Arnold Heeney, the chairman of the Canadian section of that commission, has described the situation as worrisome, pointing out that the conditions in Lake Erie are bad and that conditions in Lake Ontario are far from satisfactory, may I ask the Prime Minister when this report will be made public and available to members of the House of Commons?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The hon. gentleman refers to a confidential report. He has probably had access to it before I have, so I will take the question as notice.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. No one minds the Prime Minister's