

that. However, I will be in contact with him and indicate to him that if he can shorten the time frame with additional assistance from us we will be prepared to offer it.

**Mr. Speaker:** A final supplementary by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that Mr. Justice Bayda was quoted in the press when appointed as saying that he anticipated the study would take not more than six months, possibly only three months, will the government take all the steps possible to make sure that he has all the support necessary in order to get this report and recommendation in immediately.

**Mr. Munro (Hamilton East):** I think I have already indicated to the hon. member that we are giving all the support he requests and will continue to do that. We cannot do more than that. If he wants additional help he has merely to ask for it.

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## IMMIGRATION

### ASSISTANCE TO COLOMBIANS TO BECOME LANDED IMMIGRANTS—REQUEST FOR SIMILAR TREATMENT OF OTHER GROUPS

**Mr. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of his fine decision the other day—

**An hon. Member:** No propaganda.

**Mr. Caccia:** —to have Colombian textile workers presently in Canada leave the country so that they may apply for permanent residence in Canada through our immigration office in Bogota where apparently their applications would be dealt with promptly and where assisted passage loans would be provided for their return, would the minister inform the House whether workers from other countries presently in Canada under circumstances which are similar to those of the Colombian workers will be granted an equal opportunity?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I guess my answer briefly is yes, with the emphasis on the provision that the circumstances of other such workers would be in fact similar to those of the Colombians because persons in Canada with employment visas who are here as visitors have to go outside the country to apply for landed immigrant status, as the hon. member knows. Their applications would be dealt with as promptly as possible, again if the circumstances are similar to those of the Colombians.

**An hon. Member:** If that is your short answer, what would be a long one?

## Oral Questions

### NORTHERN AFFAIRS

#### INQUEST INTO CRASH OF PANARCTIC PLANE—ALLEGED INSTRUCTIONS BY COMPANY TO EMPLOYEES NOT TO TESTIFY—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. On Monday, April 7 I asked a question concerning the PanArctic plane crash at Rae Point, Northwest Territories, involving the loss of 32 lives, to which the minister answered that the company had at no time instructed its employees not to attend and testify at the inquest. A statement in this morning's *Globe and Mail*, attributed to the Minister of Transport, indicates that the company has in fact restricted its employees from appearing before the inquiry. In view of this, can the minister clarify the existing contradiction, and will his department support the Department of Transport should it decide to change the inquest into a public inquiry?

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker I, too, noticed the article this morning, followed it up and made further inquiries. It is my understanding that my original statement was correct, that the management of PanArctic had not suggested or urged any employees not to appear. However, they did make available outside counsel to the employees. I gather that the employees have spoken to counsel, have taken their advice, whatever it may have been, and acted upon it. However, so far as the inquiry is concerned, that is the decision of my colleague, the Minister of Transport. Certainly, I would support any action he might wish to take.

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### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### CORPORATION'S VIEW OF ITS OBLIGATION IN PRODUCING PROGRAMS

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** I have a question for the Secretary of State who answers for the CBC. In replying to all those who have written to the CBC protesting against the offensiveness of some of their drama presentations, the CBC in their "hurt" letter state that they are obliged to produce programs for all ages, all tastes and all interests. Does this obligation include dispensing material that is of interest to pornographers, the foul mouthed and other hooligans in our society?

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Moose Jaw.

**An hon. Member:** The answer was yes.