

Inquiries of the Ministry

week end of February 14 and, if so, what has he done about the matter, or what does he intend to do about it?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest that this is a question which could well be debated at the time of adjournment.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION

SALE OF F-86 AIRCRAFT

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Defence Production. It concerns the proposed sale of the 26 Sabre Jet planes known as F-86's. Have they been declared surplus, and does his department intend to sell the frames and the engines separately?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Defence Production): Mr. Speaker, subsequent to our previous exchange on this I have issued instructions to C.A.D.C. that these be withdrawn from sale until we have a policy decision on the matter. This is now under review, and because there is no policy at the moment they are being withdrawn from sale.

OIL

ROYAL COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO DECLINING MARKET

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is not in his seat I will direct this question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement by Mr. Dickie, a member of the legislature of Alberta, that the government is considering setting up a royal commission to look into the deterioration of our oil markets in western Canada, may I ask whether the government has made such a decision in that regard?

Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Woolliams: In view of the fact that the federal government is in partnership with certain corporations in the development of oil and petroleum resources in the northern islands, may I ask whether the Prime Minister would discuss with either the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce or the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources the possibility that western oil markets are suffering because of that conflict of interest?

Mr. Trudeau: I will be glad to ask the ministers to consider this aspect of it, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Broadbent.]

[Translation]

AIRPORTS

QUEBEC—LOCATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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

Could he tell the house whether the matter of a new airport in Quebec involves economic, aeronautical or merely political considerations which prevent the government from taking the final decision?

Mr. Speaker: I believe the question as asked is much too general. The hon. member could put it on the order paper.

[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

ALLEGED CHANGE IN METHOD OF DEALING WITH UNIONS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to address to the Prime Minister. Can he advise the house of the reason for the government's abrupt switch from its original policy of dealing directly with a union engaged in a wildcat strike and awarding the members of that union a 30 per cent wage increase, as was the case in the Montreal dock strike, to its current threat to prosecute its own employees in the Post Office?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is argumentative, and in those terms it is not in order.

Mr. Hees: May I rephrase it differently?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member can do that very easily.

Mr. Hees: Could the Prime Minister advise the house why there has been this abrupt change in the government's position in dealing with labour unions, as outlined in my former question?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: I would think the second effort is not much more meritorious than the first.

PENITENTIARIES

UPGRADING OF INCENTIVE ALLOWANCES FOR INMATES

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that the Ontario government is introducing a new system of