

Inquiries of the Ministry

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Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, this program is now being finalized and I intend to make it public on the 99th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police next May 23.

[English]

PLANS FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—POSSIBLE
ISSUANCE OF COMMEMORATIVE SILVER DOLLAR

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Solicitor General. Will he also announce at that time, or before the fact, that the Mint is going to strike a special silver dollar for that celebration?

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AIR CANADA

REASON FOR REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF FLIGHTS FROM
WINNIPEG TO EUROPE

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. It refers to one I asked him about ten days ago concerning the reduction of air services to Europe from western Canadian airports. At that time he undertook to provide an answer later. I wonder if he has the answer now?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am advised by Air Canada that the reduction is for a limited or interim period only between the end of the winter-spring schedule and the start of the summer schedule. If the service has not yet been restored to what it was previously, it very shortly will be.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

CLOSING OF FRIENDSHIP CENTRES—REASON FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question was intended for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development but he is not here and neither is his parliamentary secretary so I will direct it to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that an Indian friendship centre in Toronto has closed and that three others are about to close, can the Prime Minister say why funds have been withheld from these centres and whether anything is being done to ensure that funds are made available as expected?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member. I did not understand the question. I will read it in *Hansard* and try to give an answer.

Mr. Osler: I have a supplementary to the previous question.

Mr. Ryan: On a supplementary—

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a supplementary, if that is all right with you.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems we now have three supplementaries. Perhaps I should first recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre who has a supplementary to the previous question, and then the hon. member for Athabasca followed by the hon. member for Spadina.

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AIR TRANSPORT

MANITOBA BILL IMPOSING TAX ON OVERFLIGHTS
ACROSS PROVINCE—SUGGESTED EXAMINATION OF
CONSTITUTIONALITY

Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, this question is directed to the Minister of Transport and it also concerns airlines. The Manitoba Government's Bill 21 does several things, but in view of the implications this measure appears to have for the free operation of main-line airlines and the development of northern transportation, as well as weakening the federal government's regional airline policy for Manitoba and the northwest, does the minister intend to have the constitutional legality of this legislation examined?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is clearly not a supplementary question. I find it difficult to allow the hon. member to ask a question when he seeks the floor on what is allegedly a supplementary and it is clearly not so. At the same time the hon. member has taken the time of the House to ask the question, and the minister might be allowed to reply.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have asked for a copy of the bill in question. I will have it examined and report back later as to its ramifications.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

FRIENDSHIP CENTRES—DEPARTMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANTS

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct this question to the Prime Minister. Can he indicate whether a decision has yet been made as to which department, that of the Secretary of State or that of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is responsible for grants to Indian friendship centres?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as a general principle both departments have authority to give grants to assist Indians and other groups of citizens to pursue their studies and representations. That is the principle, but if the hon. member has a question relating to any specific centre I could find out which of the two departments is in fact dealing with it.