

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I am quite sure that former Secretary of the Treasury Connally would not have forecast such weakness in the American dollar.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, apparently the minister did not read what Connally said. I will place that on the record when the opportunity comes. I proceed to the next question in connection with finance. In view of what has been described by financial men across Canada in the current issue of the *Financial Post* as the seriousness of inflation—indeed, they say that the greatest danger to Canada now is from inflation—is the government now giving consideration to bringing in some form of price and wage control?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add to what the Prime Minister has said on that subject—

Mr. Diefenbaker: He did not say anything.

Mr. Sharp:—when he was questioned on it last week. The matter has been under review. The government does not say that it may not be necessary at some time, but these circumstances have not yet arisen. I would be very interested at some time to know whether the right hon. gentleman is advocating these measures.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I do not answer questions here, but I would be glad to give the government a little advice.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair interrupted a series of questions a moment ago and undertook to return to them for one or two supplementaries. The hon. member for Moose Jaw.

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AIR TRANSPORT**HIJACKING—POSSIBILITY OF CANCELLATION OF LANDING RIGHTS FOR AIRCRAFT FROM COUNTRIES NOT WILLING TO RETURN HIJACKERS**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister with regard to the hijackings that have been going on. If all reasonable efforts fail—and I mean reasonable efforts because Canada is recognized by the world's nations as being reasonable—in reaching agreements with other countries now harbouring hijackers, can the minister say if Canada would consider cancelling the landing rights of aircraft originating from countries that are not prepared to return hijackers immediately?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this is a very serious suggestion that has been made. It is one with very broad implications and it is not one on which I would want to give an offhand opinion.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

HIJACKING—NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN TO MAKE HIJACKING EXTRADITABLE OFFENCE

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister. Since Canada is a signatory to extradition treaties with the United States and Great Britain, and since those two countries have amended their treaties with each other so as to include hijacking as an extraditable offence, is the government negotiating now with Great Britain and the United States with a view to Canada making a similar move?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman may have forgotten that I signed such an amended agreement with the Secretary of State of the United States, but I understand the hon. member is probably not as familiar with these things as I am.

Mr. Nielsen: The Secretary of State for External Affairs has not answered my question with respect to the inclusion of hijacking as an extraditable offence in the extradition treaty with Great Britain.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I am not quite certain what the state of law is between the United Kingdom and Canada, but no problems would in fact arise under such circumstances. I know the hon. member believes that, too.

HIJACKING—REPRESENTATIONS TO ALGERIA FOR RETURN OF HIJACKERS

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of Canada's very friendly and close relationship with the government of Algeria, as evidenced a week or two ago by the government lending the government of Algeria half a million dollars to build a fish processing plant, without interest, incidentally—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, if this giggling would stop perhaps I could ask my question. In light of this close relationship, can the minister say whether the government of Canada will or has made representations to the government of Algeria for the return of the two American citizens who are being harboured in Algeria as hijackers?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not think any Canadians are involved in this, and our general position on hijacking is well known to the government of Algeria. Therefore I do not think there would be any reason for us to make bilateral representations.

IMPOSITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ON HIJACKERS WHO KILL PILOTS OF PLANES

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to another question I asked previously. Since the law calls for capital punishment of a person convicted of murdering police officers, and since