

Inquiries of the Ministry

I can only say that the three things I put forward now to allay any fears will be followed up and I will make a full report to the House just as soon as the investigation is completed.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, I am sure we welcome that statement but I feel it is hardly enough in view of the many procedural errors and confusion in recent years. May I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. In order to avoid this type of confusion and the apprehension that arises when this type of error occurs, will the government now consider establishing an independent inquiry into matters of transportation rather than just air transportation alone? The Prime Minister has indicated he is willing to reply to the question in respect of the establishment of an independent inquiry. Perhaps he might be allowed to give us the benefit of his thoughts.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I did not answer immediately because I was consulting with the minister. The answer to the question is no. We feel the situation is under control and there is no interest to be served by stirring it up, as might perhaps be the intention.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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AIRPORTS

TORONTO—DECISION ON SITE FOR NEW FACILITY

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the apparently continuing confusion among the air traffic controllers at the Toronto airport because it would appear that the airport is surrounded by so many housing units, when will we have some information on where the new Toronto airport will be located? The present situation pinpoints the importance of constructing a new airport remote from present highly developed areas.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, without trying to shirk answering the question I can say, with respect, that it might more properly at this point be directed to the Minister of Transport for the province of Ontario to whom I have communicated the details of a specific proposal. I am now awaiting a response from him.

[Later:]

Mr. Robert P. Kaplan (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, in connection with the minister's announcement that he has made a single site proposal for a second Toronto region airport to the government of Ontario, I should like to ask when this proposal was made and how long he is giving the province to comment on it before the proposal is made public?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I did not set any deadline. To the best of my recollection the proposal was made about four weeks ago. The new Premier of Ontario asked

[Mr. Jamieson.]

for time to consider it. He wants to consider it himself and have it considered by his colleagues. I should think it reasonable to ask them next week how far they have progressed.

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AIR TRANSPORT

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF INQUIRY INTO DC-8 CRASH AT MALTON

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Transport when a reply will be made as to what steps the government is taking, if any, regarding the eight specific recommendations of the judicial inquiry into the crash of the DC-8 at Malton Airport, Toronto?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will allow the minister to reply to the hon. member's question and perhaps a supplementary question by the hon. member for Don Valley, and then recognize the hon. member for Lotbinière.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member asked me if I would prepare a report at the time our estimates were being considered by the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications. This work is being done but because of the Easter recess I must confess I do not know what stage it has reached at this time. I will make some inquiries and get a reply for him as soon as possible.

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FINANCE

ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT INSTITUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Finance.

Does he intend to give a favourable answer to the request made by the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities that a credit body be created to finance cities and municipalities?

[English]

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I did reply to the mayors and municipalities at the time of their submission and indicated that generally our view was that outside the number of programs we have set up over a period of time to assist in the financing of municipalities, we felt that the basic responsibility was within provincial jurisdiction. Some of the provinces have set up institutions to do the borrowing for their municipalities.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

EMPLOYMENT FORECAST BY ECONOMIC COUNCIL CHAIRMAN—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime