

*Adjournment Debate*

If the Quebec caucus has given the minister an ultimatum that they are going to ignore him, he has no alternative but to put his resignation on the desk of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau). He should state that if it is not to be built in Winnipeg, he will resign. I hope he is man enough to do that. Otherwise he is nothing but a mere figurehead in the Liberal cabinet.

The advisory group made some excellent recommendations as to why the aerospace training centre should go to Winnipeg. They stated that, by virtue of its location in Winnipeg, the institute could undertake basic training courses to address the needs of the aerospace industry. They further stated that Manitoba is the location of the third largest segment of the Canadian aerospace industry and has a diversity of activity which would benefit from manufacturing-related training courses within the institute. The minister has stated that Winnipeg is the cradle of aviation. He should back up his words with actions.

Winnipeg was chosen because no aerospace centre exists in Manitoba or Saskatchewan. Winnipeg is still most unhappy with the Liberal's removal in 1969 of the Air Canada over-all facility. To deprive that city further of a modest share of air space growth will be more fuel for western alienation.

Winnipeg deserves the training centre since Quebec already has 50 per cent of the aerospace industry in Canada. It has a 48 per cent commitment of the NFA fighter aircraft spin-off. The province of Quebec has received millions upon millions in defence contracts.

Canadair and other industries have untold millions poured into their business in the province of Quebec. This is nothing but 100 per cent pure greed on the part of the Liberal caucus which is never satisfied with what it receives. They are still fighting to have the NFA contracts opened up again so that they can get more than 48 per cent.

The advisory group recommended that the startup phase of the centre commence immediately. I was hoping the minister would be here this evening to give a firm commitment to Winnipeg and the west that this aerospace training centre will be built in Winnipeg. I hope he will be man enough to lay his cabinet post on the line if he is overruled by the Liberal caucus and cabinet.

The Winnipeg chamber of commerce has shown a great interest in having this aerospace centre established in Winnipeg. They are distressed about the public disagreement over the Canadian Institute of Aerospace Training and Technology. In a letter to the Prime Minister they stated:

We are sorry to hear that your cabinet minister, the hon. Lloyd Axworthy, and your Quebec MPs choose to disagree over the location of the institute.

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They also stated: "Quebec has aerospace training schools and Winnipeg has not". We read regularly in the newspapers that new federal government projects are starting up in Quebec. It now appears that when any project is not located in Quebec, there is a hue and cry that an injustice has been done.

Canada should not be a funnel to locate almost all federal projects in Quebec.

The chamber went on to say:

I request that you and the cabinet impartially review the objectives and recommendations of the report, and come to the logical conclusion of the committee which studied the problem in great detail.

In closing, they said:

I have taken the liberty of sending copies of this letter to some concerned Members of Parliament, as well as to the media.

I hope I was wrong when I said tonight that the decision has already been made that the institute is moving to Montreal and not to Winnipeg. I hope the parliamentary secretary can state tonight that a final decision has not been made and there is still a chance that this institute can be located in Winnipeg, as was advised by the minister's own advisory group.

[Translation]

**Mr. Rémi Bujold (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, as pointed out by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie)—I believe he has clearly demonstrated his interest in advanced technology in the aerospace industry—and in the House as well, we have found that many members are interested in this new technology and in the training aspect which is also very important to Canada. Mr. Speaker, I should like to elaborate on the minister's reply in the House last week. I wish to point out that it is a matter of concern to the minister that all expanding industrial sectors in the country should have an adequate supply of skilled workers commensurate with their needs, and that the minister is examining a number of proposals aimed at increasing the number of skilled Canadian workers in all industrial and developing sectors throughout the country.

Regarding the aerospace industry in particular, a subject that my hon. colleague has just addressed, an advisory group consisting of employer and union representatives has recommended establishing a national aerospace institute whose responsibilities would include:

- (1) providing leadership to the Canadian aerospace industry by keeping it abreast of advanced technology, offering training programs and proceeding with a manpower planning program;
- (2) to co-ordinate present efforts being made by public authorities, the private sector and community colleges;
- (3) to provide information commensurate with the needs of regional industry.

The institute's intended role with respect to manpower co-ordination and planning will be of considerable help to the aerospace industry in planning and co-ordinating the industry's training activities aimed at acquiring sufficient numbers of skilled Canadian workers.

A few months ago, the minister and the Canadian Association of Aerospace Industries concluded an agreement on human resources with a view to finding a solution to the