

*Oral Questions*

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**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** No, Mr. Speaker.

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**AIR CANADA****PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BASE AT WINNIPEG—DATE OF COMPLETION**

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the vice-president of Air Canada said in Winnipeg that Air Canada did not propose to build the base in Winnipeg until 1979. In light of the Prime Minister's statement in Winnipeg during the election campaign, I wonder whether that date meets with his approval?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the statement but I imagine it is true in so far as it represents Air Canada's intentions until the time the government asks it to accelerate the date.

**Mr. Orlikow:** Mr. Speaker, could the Prime Minister give the people of Winnipeg any indication as to when that base will be completed and operating?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I attempted to answer this a few days ago and the Minister of Transport also replied to the question previously.

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**IMMIGRATION****DETENTION OF TWO POLISH FAMILIES AT NIAGARA FALLS—REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS AND INQUIRY AS TO USE OF FORGED DOCUMENTS**

**Mr. Roger Young (Niagara Falls):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration concerning the detention of two Polish families who attempted to cross from Canada to the United States at Niagara Falls last week, were refused entry thereto, returned to Canada and detained for first having entered this country illegally after escaping from Poland by means of forged papers or other identity cards. Will the minister and his officials take all necessary steps to determine as soon as possible whether these two families might be granted refugee status and, secondly, will he have his officials investigate the means by which, and the sources from whom such fraudulent papers may have been obtained so that those who would unscrupulously profit from such activities may be apprehended, and in order that people who would sincerely wish to immigrate to this country might not jeopardize their rights or privileges to make proper legal application?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the Kaminski family has applied to remain in Canada as refugees. Their case was referred to the interdepartmental committee on Monday and will be examined in detail as to the validity of that claim. Of course, if there is a favourable decision from that committee that settles the matter. If not, they then would

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have access to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Board. I can assure the House that their story will be very carefully examined and a decision will be based on the merits of the case.

In respect of the other family, I am in some difficulty because the head of the household of that family has disappeared and we would have to contact him before we could find out what case he may or may not wish to present.

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**NATIONAL DEFENCE****IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITY OF POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF BASE AT MONCTON—CONSULTATION WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES**

**Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the absence of the Minister of National Defence I should like to direct my question to his parliamentary secretary. In view of the talk of cutbacks and/or cutouts in the Department of National Defence, will the minister please inform the House whether he or his staff have had any discussions with the municipal authorities, the chamber of commerce and the labour council in the Moncton area with regard to the economic impact of possible closure or the reduction of Canadian Forces Base Moncton, resulting in layoffs and general economic effects on the community and the Moncton region generally?

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer the question directly. I am not aware of any discussions but I will check this out and get some information for the hon. member.

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**IMMIGRATION****HAITI—PROGRAM FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF FRANCOPHONE IMMIGRANTS**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the indication in the minister's short statement on immigration that he would encourage Francophone immigration, and in view of his own expression about Haitians, I should like to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration whether he has mounted any special program to recruit immigrants from Haiti, who of course are Francophones, and, if so, can he state in a general way what that program is?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think to illustrate that, in spite of the difficulties that face Haitians who are coming to Canada on an illegal basis, I should put on record that for the first six months of the current year we have accepted 1,790 regular immigrants from Haiti; for the same period only 1,398 from France, and it is possible that the total for the year 1974 of legitimate immigrants into this country from Haiti will run to 3,500 as compared with 2,178 for 1973 and 836 for 1972. I think that is an indication of our willingness to process and deal favourably with