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EXTERNAL AID

NIGERIA—PROVISION OF CARIBOU AIRCRAFT FOR RELIEF FLIGHTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In reply to one of my questions and a similar question asked by the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave), the Prime Minister said yesterday in the house that we were still awaiting a reply from the Red Cross as to whether they can or cannot use our Caribou aircraft that were destined for relief work in Nigeria. Has the Prime Minister received a reply on this subject as yet?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted to reply to this question. We have not yet received a reply.

Mr. Nystrom: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Canadian government made a request to the Nigerian Red Cross with respect to the use of the aircraft.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

COMPLAINTS FROM FARM PUBLICATIONS AS TO INCREASED RATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General. Has the minister received representations from farm magazine publishers to the effect that many of them may have to cease publication after the new postal rates come into effect? If so, has the minister considered the situation.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I received a number of such representations prior to the adoption of the bill. I pointed out to those making representations that in most cases they could cover the increased cost simply by increasing their subscription rates by as little as 35 cents a year.

NATIONAL PARKS

GLACIER—INQUIRY AS TO LOGGING OPERATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or in his absence to the acting

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minister. Has the government, through the national parks board, announced that logging operations will be allowed in Glacier National Park, and particularly in that section bordering the trans-Canada highway through Rogers pass. If so, when will logging operations begin?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether this is a matter of urgency. If it is the hon. member may wish to give the Chair notice to have the question debated at the time of adjournment.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

NEWFOUNDLAND—UNEMPLOYMENT RESULTING FROM FISH PLANT CLOSING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): My question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries. In view of the recent closing of a large processing plant on the west coast of Newfoundland and the pending closure of a number of other such operations, can the minister say whether the government is taking any action to reinstate the deficiency payment to the Atlantic fresh fish industry?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): I am sorry, but I did not hear the first part of the question.

Mr. Lundrigan: In view of the closing of a plant on the west coast of Newfoundland, putting 400 people out of work, and the pending closure of a number of other plants in the same area, is the government taking any action to reinstate deficiency payments to the fresh fish industry?

Mr. Davis: My understanding in the case of this plant is that it operates on a seasonal basis and that it normally closes at this time of year. However, I will look into the matter further.

Mr. Lundrigan: In view of the fact that 400 people have been prematurely put out of work, can the minister say whether his department is co-operating with the provincial department and the Department of Manpower and Immigration to offset the effect of this unemployment?

Mr. Davis: Yes, we are always co-operating with the provincial government in that province.