

structive and I will certainly have them examined and, if feasible, acted upon in the department and in CIDA.

[Translation]

DATE OF RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA

**Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Lafontaine-Rosemont):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Could he tell the House whether the presence of Cuban shock troops in Angola makes up a major obstacle to the recognition of the government of the People's Republic of Angola and, if not, does the minister expect to announce recognition at an early date, because the MPLA controls more than 80 per cent of the territory and several countries of western Europe announced their intention to do so?

[English]

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I hope to have an announcement to make on that subject within a day or so.

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#### POST OFFICE

INJUNCTION RESTORING UNION RIGHTS OF TORONTO EMPLOYEES—EFFECT ON SUSPENDED OTTAWA EMPLOYEES

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General. Arising from the interim injunction granted last Friday by Mr. Justice John O'Driscoll of the Ontario Supreme Court preventing the Toronto CUPW executive from interfering with the rights of members of the union who crossed the picket line during the strike last fall to attend a membership meeting last Sunday, and also restoring the suspended members' right to vote and accept nomination for office, would the Postmaster General inform the House whether this injunction also protects the rights of 170 members of the Ottawa Local who find themselves in a similar position?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, I am not too sure to how extensive a jurisdiction the decision of the judge applies. I know that in essence what he said was what I said in the House earlier, that there is a union constitution, that the constitution spells out the procedure whereby a person may be suspended, and that in his opinion this procedure had not been followed. The judge therefore granted an interim injunction until each and every person who had been suspended does have an opportunity to make his or her defence against suspension. It was based on his appraisal of the Toronto situation that he granted the interim injunction.

I have asked my officials knowledgeable of the situation whether or not this would require similar action on the part of a suspended individual in each and every local across Canada. I would hope that the Canadian Labour Congress, the responsible governing body for labour in this country, would look very closely at this decision of the judge and see whether in their opinion it is not time to introduce some degree of democracy into the trade union movement so that it is not always subject to a negative public press.

#### Oral Questions

#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BROADCASTING PROCEEDINGS OF CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. I wonder whether the Secretary of State would contact CBC radio and make a determination whether or not they have made a decision not to start their broadcast of the Progressive Conservative convention, to be held in Ottawa on Sunday at the Coliseum, until four o'clock in the afternoon, rather than at the beginning of the voting, as they did when the New Democratic Party had its convention and as they did when the minister's own party, the Liberal party, had its convention in 1968? Or are we going to have to suffer through a continuation of the policy of being shafted by CBC radio, as was so obvious during the 1974 election campaign?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I will certainly look into that for the hon. member.

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#### MANPOWER

EFFECT OF PLACING PROVINCIAL WELFARE OFFICERS IN MANPOWER OFFICES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It is in regard to the recent decision by Ontario to put jobs before welfare and placing welfare officers in manpower offices in the province to help welfare recipients get work and to make sure they accept available jobs. This would have some impact on the job vacancy rate and the unemployment rate. I would ask the minister whether there are any special measures agreed on by the minister and his counterpart in Ontario to assist in helping welfare recipients get work and, even more important, making sure that they accept available jobs. If so, would the minister give us some indication what it is all about, or will he be making a statement in this regard in the very near future?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I had not intended making a statement but I will be glad to elaborate in more detail when my estimates are before the committee in the not too distant future. I think this is an encouraging co-operative arrangement between my department and Ontario. Indeed, we have had similar discussions with other provinces—British Columbia and New Brunswick—and I believe it is a progressive move to provide people on welfare with placement services and counselling, as well in some cases as training courses, etc.