

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** I think this question could be put on the order paper. If it is urgent, it might be discussed at the time of adjournment.

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**AIR TRANSPORT****POSSIBLE STRIKE OF TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS—  
SAFETY OF TRAVELLERS**

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the breakdown of negotiations between the federal government and the air traffic controllers, will the minister assure the House that adequate contingency plans have been made to ensure that the safety of people travelling by air will not be jeopardized, perhaps through the inexperience of those taking the places of the air traffic controllers?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I can give an unqualified assurance that such is the case, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Horner:** Did the Minister of Transport not assure the Public Service Staff Relations Board on July 29, 1969, that in the event of a strike movement by air would cease?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member's supplementary question is argumentative.

**Mr. Horner:** May I rephrase it, Mr. Speaker? I certainly did not intend to be argumentative.

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

**Mr. Horner:** I was only seeking clarification of the statement the minister made on July 29. Did he not state that in the event of a strike air traffic would cease? I am asking for clarification, not for an argument.

**Mr. Jamieson:** With the greatest respect, I have to say that the question is hypothetical. There is no strike. I re-emphasize that in no circumstances will we in any way compromise public safety. I am sincerely hopeful that the necessity to make this kind of decision will not arise because a strike will not take place.

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** May I ask whether the contingency plans involve the staffing of both air traffic control centres and local air traffic positions with supervisory personnel?

**Mr. Jamieson:** The details will depend on the circumstances. I repeat that we shall take [Mr. Godin.]

whatever steps are necessary to protect the public interest and public safety. As for the specific measures used, they will to a large measure depend upon the outcome of the negotiations and the situation which prevails thereafter.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Can the minister assure the flying public that these very vital posts will not be filled by supervisory personnel?

**Mr. Jamieson:** I cannot give that kind of assurance. I can only say they will be filled, if they are filled at all, by people who will protect the public safety.

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister assure us that in the event of a strike by the air controllers, personnel of the Armed Forces will not be used as a strike-breaking tactic?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** If the question refers to a statement allegedly made by the Minister of Transport, I am informed he did not say that.

**AIRPORTS****TORONTO—LACK OF REPRESENTATION AT  
MEETING ON PROPOSED SITE**

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** My question is to the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister make a statement on motions telling us why his department, although invited, was not represented at an important meeting called by provincial and municipal authorities to discuss the location of a second airport site in the neighbourhood of Toronto?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I shall be glad to make a statement on motions within a few days, not specifically on the question referred to by the hon. member but on the whole question of our involvement with the proposed airport for Toronto and southern Ontario.

**Mr. Brewin:** Would the minister deal with this question, too, and tell us whether he is prepared to accept the proposal made at the meeting to which I have referred concerning the setting up of a technical committee representing all three levels of government, including the municipal authorities, to look into this question?

**Mr. Jamieson:** I do not doubt the accuracy of the representations made by the hon.