

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Basford:—where it is alleged that I issued such a warrant and no such warrant could be issued—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, if he wants to return to this subject on the Orders of the Day, well and good, but this does not go, the smuggling in of an answer for self-satisfaction.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Having taken the Leader of the Opposition to task about an undue preamble I can scarcely do less in respect of the minister. If he has an answer to the specific question put by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby I think he should answer.

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, the specific answer to the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby is that I do not have the name of the Justice of the Peace or the superintendent who may have issued—

Mr. Broadbent: "Who may have"? Don't you know?

Mr. Basford:—the order under Section 11, either subsection(1) or subsection(2). It is clear, in answer to the hon. member's question, that no such warrant was issued by me nor do I have such authority to issue.

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[Translation]

AIR CANADA

DENIAL OF USE OF FRENCH BY PILOTS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport.

Could he tell the House whether it is true that Air Canada has prohibited the use of French in its plane cabins alleging that it could be a source of misunderstandings? If such is the case, has that policy been approved by the government?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): No, Mr. Speaker. There was a directive which Air Canada had issued which indicated that English would be the language used in technical work, and that was really in accord with the fact that our own regulations on instrument flying require that language generally to be used. The directive is open to a broader misinterpretation which Air Canada will be correcting in some detail, but I can assure the hon. member that it was never intended to stop casual or ordinary conversations in French between anyone but only related to the use of the English language in technical communication which is required at present under our regulations.

[Translation]

Mr. Allard: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

Since the reason given by Air Canada to justify its prohibition of French in plane cabins is that the use of

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French could become the source of misunderstandings, could the minister tell the House whether he is aware that such reasons suggest that, to avoid misunderstandings among French-speaking and English-speaking people, the government will have to ban the use of French as official language in Canada or separate Quebec from the rest of the country?

[English]

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I know the hon. member does make that suggestion seriously, and I hope he will take Air Canada at its word that the directive was meant to relate solely to technical language. Indeed they will be explaining that in more detail.

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ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES—REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED GROUPS

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. The minister has indicated that changes in the control program may have to be made at the time of the budget. Without inviting the minister to say anything about the budget at this time, I should like to ask him whether he has decided to make changes at that time and, if so, in what way is the minister consulting directly the various sectors of the economy on this matter?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the Anti-Inflation Board and the government have been looking at many of the representations we have received about the operation of the anti-inflation program. We intend to make announcements in the context of the budget with respect to lines of change which of course will then be followed by a period of consultations on the preparation of amendments to the guidelines.

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ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA

PARTICIPATION OF LABOUR—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that the president of CLC has indicated that the congress is not going to form part and parcel of the Economic Council of Canada, I wonder whether the minister could assure the House that he will seek out a meeting with the president of the CLC this week in order to impress upon labour the need for it to discharge the very important responsibility given to it as a member of the Economic Council of Canada? Can the minister assure us of that?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): We have been taking that position with the CLC for the last couple of months, both in private and in public meetings.

Mr. Alexander: The minister has evaded my question. All I am asking is whether he will assure the House that he will meet with the president of CLC this week in order to