

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** This is surely something we shall consider.

REQUEST FOR STATISTICS ON WHICH DIVISION OF ROUTES BETWEEN AIR CANADA AND CANADIAN PACIFIC MADE

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question also arises from the statement the Minister of Transport made this morning. In view of the fears that Canadian Pacific has been assigned regions of the world which have the largest potential for traffic growth in the coming years, would the minister be prepared to provide members of the House with the statistics and other information to which he had access in projecting the potential growth in traffic in those areas?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman's premise is wrong. If he reads the statement of principles which was made in the House he will find that this division of the world relies on the principle that Air Canada is pre-eminent. He says the share of the market enjoyed by CP is much larger than that enjoyed by Air Canada. I think he did not look carefully enough into the division, because when Pakistan and India are added hon. members will see what kind of market that means.

**Mr. Benjamin:** That is not quite what I said, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the minister this: On the basis of his desire to have a rational division of the world between Canada's two major air carriers, would he be good enough to explain, since Air Canada is being assigned northern Europe, the rationale for the continued allocation of Amsterdam to CP Air?

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** The only rationale is that it was already there. It had been allocated before.

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**WELFARE**

FUEL COST ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY—BASIS OF PAYMENTS

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare related to a previous question about the steps the minister is going to take to provide additional funds to poor people. On what criteria and conditions will these payments be assessed?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is very simple. Under the law the provinces have the freedom to set the levels of social assistance. What I will be discussing with my colleagues is that in setting up the levels of social assistance, they take into account the rising cost of fuel.

[Mr. MacKay.]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

ADDITIONAL CANADIAN PERSONNEL FOR UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCE—NUMBERS AND SOURCE

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence and relates to the letters he tabled earlier today. How many men are involved in the eight units and staff that will be making a contribution to the United Nations peace force, and from where are the personnel going to be drawn?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, in the exchange of notes I tabled earlier Canada agreed to supply additional personnel to work with the United Nations Emergency Force. There will be approximately 600 in addition to the 480 personnel who are already there. Therefore, during the next few days our contingent will be growing to more than a thousand. These personnel will come from all regions of Canada and from many bases in Canada, not from any one unit.

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**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

DISPUTE WITH WIRE SERVICE GUILD—POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO BLOCK TELEVISION OF GREY CUP GAME—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State in regard to the dispute between the CBC and the Canadian Wire Service Guild. Is the minister aware of the latest development in this regard in that the union stated today that its members might walk off their jobs during the weekend in an attempt to knock the Grey Cup football game off both Canadian television networks? Will he give the House an assurance that he will see to it that the personnel of his department and those of the Minister of Labour will use all their resources in order that talks are resumed so that this eventuality will not take place? Would he kindly give us that assurance?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member well knows, I am not prepared to give that assurance because I am not in a position to give that assurance. I am as concerned as he is about the implications. I have had discussions with the Minister of Labour and I shall be talking to him later about this matter.

**Mr. Alexander:** In light of the fact that, as I understand it, talks between the parties to the dispute have been discontinued, can the minister advise what immediate steps he has recommended in order to get the parties back to the bargaining table? Can the minister answer that question?

**Mr. Faulkner:** Of course I can, Mr. Speaker, but I am not prepared to.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar.

**Mr. Alexander:** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.