

withstanding RCMP recommendations, Gresko will have access to the Olympic Games security arrangements.

**An hon. Member:** Ask your question.

**Mr. Jelinek:** Will you listen to me?

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

**Mr. Jelinek:** Will the Acting Prime Minister advise the House if Alexander Gresko will be declared persona non grata in Canada and refused entry to this country. If not, why not. He is a Soviet spy and not wanted in this country.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I cannot give any such undertaking. No such decision has been made. The authorities in this country, the Department of External Affairs and the RCMP, have been consulting on this matter and they believe that the security of Canada is not affected by the entry of this man in his official capacity. Needless to say there can be differences of view, but judgments must be made in these matters. When I was Secretary of State for External Affairs there were many occasions when we knew that certain agents were in offices here, in Canada.

**An hon. Member:** They belonged to the CIA.

**Mr. Sharp:** This was considered to be not inconsistent with the security of Canada.

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### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### POSSIBLE SALE OF HOTELS—REQUEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO CANADIAN HOTEL CHAIN

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport, may I direct my question to the parliamentary secretary. On December 10 I asked whether the CN chain in Canada is to be sold or whether it is intended to place any particular hotel under different management. The parliamentary secretary indicated that he did not have the answer to the question but would take it as notice and obtain a reply. I ask, what is the rationale behind the proposed change of management. In responding, would the parliamentary secretary also say if costs associated with any change of acquisition are included in the Air Canada budget for this year.

**Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, there has been no change yet, although consideration is being given to changing the management of CN hotels. This arises out of discussions in the transport committee last year which recommended that this change should be considered, but it has not taken place yet. If it does take place the hon. member can be certain that it will be announced in the House in due course.

**Mr. Malone:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The parliamentary secretary says that no change has been made, but has implied that one may take place. Since it is

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rumoured that the Conrad-Hilton hotel chain may take over CN hotels, I ask, is consideration being given to enabling a Canadian hotel chain to take over these hotels, as such action would enable these hotels to remain exclusively part of a Canadian chain instead of part of an American-owned hotel chain.

**Mr. McIsaac:** Mr. Speaker, as far as I am aware, negotiations are not going on with any particular hotel chain. I may advise the hon. member that negotiations are continuing with more than one chain. I am sure members of the House as well as CN would wish the hotel chain to remain under the control of a Canadian-controlled company.

**Mr. Speaker:** Orders of the day.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

#### CONCURRENCE IN REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants)** moved that the report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments, presented as the third report, in English, on Thursday, November 7, 1974, and as the fourth report, in French, on Tuesday, December 3, 1974, be concurred in.

He said: Mr. Speaker, since this happens to be a day on which one can rapidly lose one's audience, perhaps I should imitate certain commercial establishments and begin with a quiz. I propose to ask a question. Unfortunately, there are no door prizes or other gifts for the correct answer. My question will interest those who are concerned about the other government which exists in Ottawa, the government of the ministry and civil servants combining in the making of rules and regulations, orders in council and the like which affect our lives substantially. The question is: which minister is given the most awesome powers by act of parliament? One would think the answer would be "the Prime Minister" or perhaps "the Minister of Justice" who advises the governor in council with regard to the War Measures Act. Indeed, the War Measures Act provides:

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The governor in council may do and authorize such acts and things, and make from time to time such orders and regulations, as he may by reason of the existence of real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection deem necessary or advisable for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada . . .

Those would seem to be awesome powers indeed. The key words are "deem necessary or advisable". The fact is that one minister possesses even wider powers: this is the one—and I am afraid I do not know who it is—who looks after the Migratory Birds Convention Act. It was decided, in the wisdom of parliament of that particular day, that