

Oral Questions

might be possible to arrange visits there as well as visits to be made to Cape Breton Island, Saint John and Eastport, and to include this matter as well in my studies.

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AIR TRANSPORT**AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS—SUGGESTED RECONSIDERATION OF POLICY ON BILINGUALISM—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. On May 28 I directed a question to the Minister of Transport concerning the BILCOM report on air traffic control communications which did not receive the support of the Canadian Air Traffic Controllers Association. The minister stated that when he had reviewed all the representations which are of any value he would see what kind of policy the government would design in that field. In view of the fact that almost two months have passed since this promise was made, and in the interest of safety, will the minister either place geographical restrictions on unilingual pilots or provide them with English language training so that they can communicate with ground stations in controlled air space?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that the air division of my department met with the Pilots Association and discussed the whole matter. A ruling was made. Unfortunately, I do not have it with me here but I can let the hon. member know exactly what the understanding was.

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Mr. Crouse: I have one brief supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the policy is announced by the minister, would he assure the House that this policy will be forwarded to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications for further evaluation?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): When I give the hon. member the answer I will tell him exactly what we are discussing.

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AGRICULTURE**UNITED STATES QUOTAS ON BEEF—GOVERNMENT POLICY FOLLOWING EXPIRY OF QUOTAS**

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture, one that I know he will want to answer in view of the importance of the issue and the possibility, however remote, that the House may recess within the next few days.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Peters: Can the minister confirm a press report indicating that Canadian and U.S. negotiators have reached agreement or near agreement on the issues affecting agricultural trade between the two countries, and can

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

he inform the House now whether the Canadian quotas on cattle and beef and the U.S. quotas on cattle, beef, hogs and pork will expire on August 11?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I said yesterday in the House and also previously, that we would be making an announcement before August 12 explaining the current position, and we will do so.

UNITED STATES QUOTAS ON BEEF—EFFECT OF CANADIAN QUOTA ON EGGS FROM UNITED STATES ON NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING BEEF TRADE

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): In view of the number of press reports indicating congressional demands for U.S. retaliation in response to the recently imposed quotas on U.S. eggs coming into Canada, can the minister inform the House whether the egg issue has seriously complicated negotiations on the meat trade, and to what extent the Canadian negotiators have been able to convince their U.S. counterparts that the egg quotas were both necessary and consistent with our obligations under GATT?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): I am sure the hon. member knows better than to pay attention to press reports—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Watch that!

Mr. Whelan: —because some of the press reports have been most inaccurate. I sometimes wonder if the public has been informed at all about the talks that have been going on in a very congenial manner with our trading counterparts and about the position concerning retaliation with regard to eggs, etc. They seem to think the main concern is that Canada still wants to export eggs over there. I can tell the hon. member that our exports of eggs over there are mainly necessary because of their eggs coming here. We are not desirous of exporting eggs to the United States. If they want to put an embargo on our eggs coming into their country, that is perfectly all right by us.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. Can he advise the House if it is correct that the Prime Minister, after hearing the news from Nigeria, has asked that the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Minister of National Health and Welfare be sent to join him in Helsinki?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the idea never crossed his mind. This is the most united and loyal government that ever stood behind the Prime Minister.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!