AIR TRANSPORT

CANADIAN PACIFIC AIR LINES—REQUEST THAT OVERHAUL WORK BE DONE IN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in answer to a question asked of me the day before by the hon. member for Port Arthur I gave a reply respecting the overhaul work that was alleged to be done outside of the country for Canadian Pacific Air Lines. I am afraid that in my answer yesterday I did not give accurate information. Therefore, in fairness to all concerned, I should say that I have been assured by the president of Canadian Pacific Air Lines that it is the company's practice to do its engine and airframe overhauls in its own plant at Vancouver.

In 1957 a total of three airframe overhauls were accomplished in Hong Kong and Amsterdam. This is a very small proportion of Canadian Pacific Air Lines overhaul requirements. These overhauls were made only because the facilities and personnel to perform this work were not available in Canada at the time.

In fact, according to what the president of Canadian Pacific Air Lines tells me, in order to keep its maintenance and overhaul facilities fully occupied the company ensures wherever possible that in cases where it leases aircraft to a foreign carrier, the aircraft shall be returned to Canada for necessary overhaul work. Such instances involve carriers in Lebanon, France and the United States. The president of C.P.A. points out that the company does not carry out 85 per cent of its overhauls outside of Canada, nor does it require any incentive to do its overhaul work in Canada.

THE BUDGET

INQUIRY AS TO DEADLINE FOR HEARING REPRESENTATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Will the minister indicate to the house whether he has yet established a deadline date by which time he hopes to complete hearing delegations making representations in respect of the main budget?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I hope to complete the hearing of the delegations by the end of next week, April 8.

Inquiries of the Ministry

THE CENSUS

INQUIRY AS TO RECRUITMENT OF WORKERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): Mr. Speaker, the answer to question 236 regarding the census procedures was so cryptic that I should like to direct another question to the parliamentary secretary. Will the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce advise members who have requests from constituents regarding census enumerator jobs whether these job requests should be directed to them, to the national employment service or to the local constituency officials of the Progressive Conservative party?

Mr. E. L. Morris (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce): The answer to that is not cryptic at all. The commissioners of each census district are entrusted with the recruitment of enumerators, and members of parliament may send these names to the commissioners.

Mr. Fisher: Are any steps being taken by the department to encourage the employment of university students on this survey this year because of the shortage of jobs for university students in the general economy?

Mr. Morris: Without agreeing with the qualification that there is a shortage of jobs for university students, university students and all others who are qualified would be encouraged to apply for work as census enumerators. There are very many required, as I said in answer to the question. This time there is no disqualification procedure such as there was before.

Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West): May I address a question to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. How many census commissioners have been appointed?

Mr. Morris: Of the 1,336 required, 1,307 have been appointed.

(Translation):

PRIVILEGE

MR. ENGLISH—REFERENCE TO REMARKS IN DEBATE ON MARCH 27

Mr. Roland English (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. The question of privilege arises out of statements made in this house on March 27, 1961 by the hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Chevrier). I would like to refer to some of his remarks which can be found on page 3375 of Hansard, and I quote: