

weekend turned over his command at Namao Air Base in Edmonton. Has this active officer been sentenced to a desk job in Ottawa without a fair hearing, or was he deemed guilty by virtue of an incident simply having happened? Has Colonel de Tracey's posting to NDC Kingston been cancelled, which would have a real effect on this gentleman's career, and will the Minister intervene?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I believe I answered a similar question put by the Hon. Member and by the Hon. Member for Pembina two weeks ago or thereabouts. My answer is still the same as it was on that occasion. Colonel de Tracey has been posted to Ottawa effective the end of this month, I believe. He has not been posted to Kingston. The other two premises with respect to a fair hearing and permanent desk job in Ottawa are ill-founded. The investigation, if not complete, is very close to it. Undoubtedly there will be further postings in Colonel de Tracey's career as it moves ahead, as there is with any other officer, or man or woman in the Forces.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

APPOINTMENT OF MR. BUD SHERMAN TO CRTC

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Government House Leader and President of the Privy Council. I want to come back to the Sherman appointment. Given the refusal of the Minister last Friday to allow for a review of Mr. Sherman's appointment to the CRTC, will the Minister and his Government at least do the honourable thing and suspend the appointment of Mr. Sherman until the committee on reform of this House has come up with the recommendations that we are all awaiting, and then proceed with the review, as promised by the Conservatives in the election?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the Hon. Member on Friday, the parliamentary Task Force on Reform of the House of Commons is mandated to make its final and complete report with respect to the reform of this place by the end of June. I can assure the Hon. Member that it will not be an untoward time before we will receive the recommendations concerning the matter of review of appointments and of the guidelines under which we will be dealing with these particular matters. I cannot comment with respect to the other matter because the appointment has been made. It is a matter in the discretion of the appropriate Minister and the Prime Minister.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

MINISTER'S CONSULTATION PRIOR TO MR. SHERMAN'S APPOINTMENT

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Communications. Given Mr. Sherman's remarks concerning institutional and Canadian bilingualism and the response of the Leader of the Government in the House, does the Minister agree with the saying that birds of a feather flock together? Will Mr. Sherman really be a commissioner likely to live up to the aspirations of the Minister? Was he consulted about Mr. Sherman's CRTC appointment?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications): As provided under the Act, Mr. Speaker, the recommendation was made by the Minister of Communications and endorsed by the Government. I am convinced that the new commissioner will judiciously discharge his responsibilities in accordance with the legislative provisions.

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[English]

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

CHRYSLER CORPORATION—WINDSOR ENGINE PLANT

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. Since the Minister has helped Hamilton, I must ask him if he will help Windsor now. Chrysler Corporation has just announced plans for a large, new investment in parts production in Korea. It has also announced record profits. Will the Minister arrange a meeting with the head of Chrysler, given the dangers to Canada of this transfer of parts production to Korea, in order to request Chrysler to reopen its Windsor-based engine plant as a small return for the \$200 million in loan guarantees that Chrysler received from the Government?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the Hon. Member, I am sure that he knows that we have ongoing discussions with the various car manufacturers, at times together and at times individually. Naturally, in the case of Chrysler, we will raise the point as to whether or not there has been any unfairness to Canada. I can assure the Hon. Member that most of the manufacturers are making a very significant contribution to Canada as far as investment is concerned, and perhaps some day we will be able to get the Japanese to match some of the investment that has been taking place in Canada by other manufacturers.

PRODUCTION OF PARTS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, the \$200 million that Chrysler received from Canada was