

Inquiries of the Ministry

anything to add to what was indicated to the house last evening by his parliamentary secretary about the negotiations with the British over the uranium contract and particularly with respect to the termination of negotiations and the price.

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): No, Mr. Speaker. As I explained in answering questions asked me by the Leader of the Opposition on several occasions in this house, the negotiations are going forward and we have hopes that they will be concluded in the reasonably near future.

THE ROYAL FAMILY**THE QUEEN MOTHER—REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF CANADIAN TOUR**

On the orders of the day:

Miss Judy V. LaMarsh (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Is the Prime Minister now in a position to give the house details of the visit of the Queen Mother in June?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member asked that question. I think the best way to answer it would be to simply table the press release with regard to the visit.

Mr. Speaker: Has the Prime Minister leave to table the press release relating to the Queen's visit?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**REPORTED INCIDENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Niagara Falls (Miss LaMarsh) asked me a question based upon an article which appeared in *The Miner's Voice* in which it was alleged that a person who wrote to the Prime Minister about a problem received no reply but was visited by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In the article it was also alleged that the R.C.M. Police threatened him if he wrote any further such letters.

As I undertook to do, I have investigated this matter. I am advised by the R.C.M. Police that they have absolutely no knowledge of having received a request to make such an investigation, or of having received any such letter that may have been sent to the Prime Minister. My office never referred any such letter to them. I have inquired of the Prime Minister's office and I am advised that

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there is absolutely no recollection or record of any such letter having been received and referred to the R.C.M. Police for investigation.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, that is the difficulty with this kind of anonymous complaint. In the absence of a name it is impossible to establish with absolute accuracy that no such thing took place. However, in the absence of a name, on the basis of investigations that have been made in my office, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Prime Minister's office, I can only conclude that there is absolutely no foundation for the allegation appearing in that paper.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Martineau in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Air transport board—

664. Subventions for air carriers as detailed in the estimates, \$300,000.

(Translation):

Mr. Bourget: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry that the member for Laurier (Mr. Chevrier) is not feeling well and cannot be with us this morning, for I know he would have certain questions to ask the Minister of Transport concerning the item under discussion.

Last night, in the course of his observations, the minister said this amount of \$300,000 represented a monthly grant of \$25,000 now being paid to the Pacific Western Airlines in respect of operation deficits suffered in the prairie provinces, where they have a line servicing Edmonton, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina.

I should like to ask the minister why Quebecair, in the province of Quebec, has not been granted a subsidy, when, under the item we are dealing with, a private company is getting one. Why is this western company receiving a grant when Quebecair has been denied one?

Mr. Balcer: Mr. Chairman, it will be a pleasure to answer that question. But first, I should like to join with the hon. member for Levis (Mr. Bourget) in wishing the hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Chevrier) an early recovery. I know his interest in the activities of the Department of Transport and I, too, am sure that he might have one or two questions to ask about those items this morning. I am positive that the hon. member for Levis will carry out this task with his usual skill.