

of the results of the resumed search ordered by the minister for the missing helicopter carrying Mr. Young and Mr. Seaquist and whether or not the search is continuing?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, we did continue the search to double check the area that had been looked at earlier. We have flown more than 120 hours in the renewed search, but unfortunately without result.

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TRANSPORT

MISSING HELICOPTER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—INQUIRY AS TO INVESTIGATION BY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport of which he has had notice. With reference to the loss of the Trans West helicopter some five or six weeks ago and in view of the virtual lack of communication between the Department of National Defence, the Department of Transport and the families concerned, can the minister inform the House whether his department has initiated any investigation into this accident, and, if so, when it began and approximately when we might expect to have a report on it?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the co-operation with the Department of National Defence is perfect. We are trying to find the helicopter and if we have any sign that we can find it, we will resume the search, but up to now there is no indication as to where this helicopter is.

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BROADCASTING

IMPOSITION OF THIRTY PER CENT COMMUNITY CONTENT RULING FOR FM PROGRAMS

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications. With regard to the recently announced regulations of the CRTC making 30 per cent community content on FM programs mandatory by January 1, 1976, can the minister tell the House why the CRTC felt they had to interfere? Is this not a form of censorship, and should the listening public not be the judge of what the radio station should produce?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I think it would be making too much of this to see in it a form of censorship. As to the particulars of the order rendered by the CRTC, I should like to have time to get more detailed information to be able to advise the hon. member.

Oral Questions

[English]

ENERGY

URANIUM—SUGGESTED CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES ON SUPPLY SITUATION

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to go back to the subject of nuclear power for a moment and direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that not only countries of the world but also provinces of Canada are becoming aware that our supply of uranium reserves are getting pretty tight, and in view of the fact that we have had confrontations with the provinces on oil and gas over the last two years, would the Prime Minister consider during the recess recalling the old Canadian Council of Resource Ministers so that the input of the provinces as well as of four or five federal agencies could be brought to bear on this vital energy and mineral resource, namely, uranium?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the subject is vital, as the hon. member puts it, and the federal government of course is interested in sharing with the provinces its knowledge in this field and getting the co-operation of the provinces. I hesitate to agree that the remedy proposed by the hon. gentleman would be a satisfactory one. The Council of Resource Ministers came into disuse, I think, because it was not proving to be a very useful forum for the task at hand. But consultations between our Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and provincial ministers of resources are something to which they are very much committed.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, in view of the failure of the existing structure, and in view of the dissatisfaction of the provinces because they are not being allowed to make any input into these narrow separate structures with which they have to deal at the federal government level, has the Prime Minister heard any rumours or words of dissatisfaction from any provinces which own this resource?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I can respond to that. I should point out to the hon. gentleman that before the reserve requirements which were announced to the House were put into effect they were discussed both with the producing provinces and the provinces which consume uranium. It is true that the government of Ontario in particular, after approving some of the export contracts, has opposed others. The view we take is that the reserves, as established by our resource appraisal, are adequate both to meet the needs of Canadian plants now under operation, under construction or contemplated, or to meet our export commitments. As the export commitments of our Canadian industry are expanded and as supply expands, these requirements will change. But, as I said, the reserve requirements were fully discussed with the provinces before they were put into effect.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources a friendly question. Would he consult with the head of the Atomic Energy Control Board and ask him to take the lead to bring the various federal agencies