

Oral Questions

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): The hon. gentleman will recognize on reflection that he is asking for the kind of statement about fiscal intentions which is normally made in the budget.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**POSSIBLE UNIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND MANPOWER OFFICES—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): One supplementary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration having to do with the curtailment of expenditure. As part of its stated program aimed at reducing expenditure, has the government considered unifying the services provided by the Unemployment Insurance Commission and Canada Manpower? If so, when can we expect such an integration to take place?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): This possibility, along with other options with regard to amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act is before us now. I cannot give a definite answer as to whether, or when, such a change will be made. But we are seriously considering the suggestion.

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AIR CANADA**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Transport when the government intends to announce the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and other officials at the head of Air Canada? Will the announcement be made this week or in the very near future? Can he give us a definite indication of the date?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): A meeting of the Board of Directors of Air Canada is taking place today and I expect to discuss this important question with the board. It may be that after the meeting I shall know more about the exact timing of any announcement.

Mr. Murta: Will the announcement be made in Montreal or Ottawa? If it is to be made in Ottawa would he be prepared to make the announcement in the House?

Mr. Lang: The location will depend to a large extent on the timing. I will consider the hon. member's suggestion—whether it can be made in the House.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**POSSIBILITY IVAN HEAD CONTRIBUTED TO SOLVING DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN ANGOLA AND SOUTH AFRICA**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can he tell the House whether the Prime Minister's special representative, Mr. Ivan Head, was able on his

[Mr. Crouse.]

recent trip to Europe to make a contribution to a resolution of the difficulties between the MPLA and South Africa resulting from the occupation of certain Angolan territories by South African military forces?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I would not think so, because that was not the purpose of his journey.

ANGOLA—POSSIBILITY OF RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): On Friday last, the hon. member for Lafontaine-Rosemont asked the parliamentary secretary a question having to do with the recognition of the people's republic of Angola. Events have moved since that date and I wonder if the minister could now tell us whether conditions have reached the point at which serious consideration is being given to such recognition.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker, we have not concluded that recognition ought to be extended at this time. The matter is under consideration.

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MANPOWER**POSSIBILITY NUMBER OF ADULT TRAINING COURSES WILL BE INCREASED**

Mr. Jacques Lavoie (Hochelaga): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration which I gave him notice of last week.

Considering the increasing number of applications at manpower centres for adult training and the growing need for minimal requirements to meet the needs of the labour market, could the minister tell the House whether he is prepared to offer more adult courses next year?

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The amount of money allocated to adult training over the last two years has increased very considerably. I would refer the hon. member to the very substantial increase effected in the budget of June of last year. There was, it is true, a modification—some expenditure cuts—in December, but it still adds up to a very significant allocation of resources. I doubt very much that we shall see additional funds made available during the financial year 1976-77, desirable though that might be in certain respects.

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ENERGY**OIL—GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO INCREASE EXPLORATION—LEVEL OF PRICE INCREASE**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Surveys of the oil industry indicate that for the sixth