

have access to an appeal to the Immigration Appeal Board. But it has to be clearly understood, I think, that not all people from Haiti, or all people from any other country who come to Canada and claim refugee status, are in fact entitled to do it under the terms of the United Nations protocol to which we are signatories.

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### AIRPORTS

#### PICKERING—DATE OF PUBLICATION OF REPORT

**Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. I should like to ask the minister when we might expect the inquiry commission report on Pickering airport which was concluded in June?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I do not remember having said or anybody having said that we were supposed to get the report in June. Perhaps I have misunderstood, but I hope we will have the report in the House before the end of the year.

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### REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

#### MARITIMES—POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE IN BUDGET OF DEPARTMENT IN VIEW OF NEEDS OF AREA

**Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the minister's assessment, as quoted in the *Globe and Mail* yesterday, that \$10 billion or \$12 billion may be needed for capital development projects in the maritimes region, can the minister indicate whether or not DREE has made or is in process of making projections for an appropriate increase in its budget to look after these needs?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I was not speaking of moneys coming from public sources; I was simply talking about the necessary capital accumulation. So far as DREE is concerned, we have increased our budget annually over the last three or four years and hopefully will continue to do so; but the kind of investment that we are speaking of will have to come from sources in the private sector as well.

**Mr. MacKay:** Mr. Speaker, a brief supplementary question. In considering the possibility of increasing the budget of DREE, has the minister indicated, has he thought about the contingency that allowance may have to be made for possible application by his colleague, the Minister of National Defence, for funds to keep this nation's armed forces from going down the drain?

### Oral Questions

#### POST OFFICE

#### POSSIBILITY OF COMMENCING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES IN VIEW OF DECERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL OF POSTAL UNIONS

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General. In view of the difficulties outlined by the hon. member for Calgary South arising from the delicate labour situation in the Post Office following decertification of the Council of Postal Unions by the Public Service Staff Relations Board, an action that automatically terminated their contract and which may delay the commencement of negotiations until late in December, based on his experience in labour negotiations would the minister indicate what action he has taken to determine ways and means of beginning bargaining before new certifications are issued?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, if I was flippant and honest I might say that I would burn a candle when I went to mass on Sunday hoping that everybody will stay on the job. The really important thing is that early in December new bargaining agents will be certified by the Public Service Staff Relations Board, at which time hopefully collective agreement negotiations will begin between the employers—in this case, the Treasury Board—and the newly recognized bargaining agent for the postal workers. The important thing is that in the interval the postal workers do not become demoralized by these constant attacks on their efficiency and remain in place until the due process of the law is followed. Hopefully we will then be able to come up with a collective agreement which is both fair to the taxpayer and fair to the workers.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### REFERENCE OF FINKELMAN REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I might comment "how a far little candle throws its beam"; perhaps it will go as far as the President of the Treasury Board. Inasmuch as the Public Service Staff Relations Board issued the decertification, would the President of the Treasury Board indicate to the House when the Finkelman report will be referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration so that MP's might have an opportunity to study thoroughly the relationships between government and its employees?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council has already established a committee and the Finkelman report will be studied by a joint committee of the House and the Senate very soon. I am surprised the hon. member was not aware of that.