

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

an inconsistency in this house. The Prime Minister had better get together with his two ministers, and let us have the truth.

[Later:]

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, my question is a supplementary one to the Prime Minister with relation to his intriguing answer in respect of the new personalized postal service for the Prime Minister's office. Did the messenger that went to Quebec have only one letter or did he have four or five letters in respect of all the alternative sites?

**Mr. Trudeau:** He had only this letter; but there was an explosive device in it which—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Is that what is known as someone going off his rocker?

MONTREAL—SUGGESTED MEETING BETWEEN  
QUEBEC AND FEDERAL MINISTERS TO  
REVIEW LOCATION DECISION

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** My question, Mr. Speaker, is directed to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister advise the house whether he or the Prime Minister received a telegram from the government of the province of Quebec suggesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs of that province is prepared to meet with the minister tomorrow or at a convenient time to discuss and review the question of the location of the new international airport in the province of Quebec? What has been the reaction to it?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, a telegram was received late last night from Dr. Lussier. I was talking to him on the telephone this morning and I told him it would be extremely inconvenient, if not impossible, for me to meet with him tomorrow because, as is well known, the cabinet will be meeting again tomorrow to discuss many important matters including, as the Prime Minister said, the review of foreign policy. So it would be very difficult for me to meet with him tomorrow.

I suggested that we might meet on April 14 immediately after the Easter recess, as I hope to be able to take a few days off before then. He indicated to me the urgency of expressing their points of view and of taking up certain questions which he would like to have further considered. I told him I would look again at the calendar and telephone him again to let

[Mr. Woolliams.]

him know if it would be possible to meet his wishes or if the 14th would be the earliest possible date.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Has the minister or the Prime Minister looked at the calendar to see if the minister could be spared from his many duties to deal with this very important and pressing problem, rather than leaving it to some time in the very indefinite future?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The right hon. member for Prince Albert.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, and with the greatest respect, I think that my question was direct. Has consideration been given? Has he consulted his calendar—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that whether the minister has consulted his calendar cannot be considered a matter of great urgency.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** All right, I will leave it alone, but you know what it is all about.

AIR TRANSPORT

MERGER BETWEEN AIR CANADA AND CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister without Portfolio.

**An hon. Member:** Which one?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** There is only one here today, the one from Winnipeg. Is the minister in a position today or will he be in a position when we come back on April 14 to make a statement concerning his review of relations between Air Canada and Canadian Pacific Airlines?

**Hon. James A. Richardson (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, there is no statement to be made at this time on this matter.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the government make it clear that if there is anything to be done in the way of a merger between these two airlines that the government position will be a majority one throughout?

**Mr. Richardson:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport and others have said many times that the question of a merger is not being actively considered by the government at the