

My question to the Deputy Prime Minister is: When a competitor like Bombardier wants to acquire Canadair, what kind of present should he give the Minister's wife to be sure of being treated on an equal footing?

Some Hon. Members: Oh! Oh!

Mr. Bissonnette: Go outside the House and charge him, if you have any guts!

[English]

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman will refer to the press release of April 3, 1986, the fact is that the CDIC Board has identified the five groups interested in acquiring Canadair. They are Bombardier Limited of Montreal; Canadian Aerospace, Montreal; Fleet Consortium led by Fleet Aerospace of Fort Erie, Ontario; the IMP Group of Halifax; and Magna International of Toronto, all of this under the review of Burns Fry Investment Dealers, which is a firm, among others, retained by the Board of Canadair to conduct that review.

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IMMIGRATION

ADMISSION OF LIBYAN STUDENTS

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Given reports that Canada is considering the admission of some 330 Libyan student mechanics and pilots recently expelled from England, will the Minister assure Canadians that none of these individuals will be allowed to enter Canada until Libya ceases all involvement in world terrorism?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada has no intention of weakening in any way at all actions which might have been taken by other friendly Governments regarding the Libyan regime. Our position regarding Libyan students has been clear for some time. There is a policy restricting the total number and the areas in which they can study. They cannot study in areas related to military matters or those which are technically sensitive. We are maintaining close vigilance on Libyan students in Canada, and the Hon. Member and the House should not be alarmed by the report in *The Globe and Mail* this morning.

Oral Questions

HEALTH

DALKON SHIELD CONTRACEPTION DEVICE—DEADLINE FOR FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As he knows, today is the deadline for women to file a claim for damages they may have suffered from use of the Dalkon shield contraception device. A U.S. court has agreed to hear further argument on this matter on May 22. Is the Minister aware of that, and will he advise the House whether he is prepared to join with women's organizations across Canada to make representations to that court to have the deadline extended?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the deadline. As to whether there should be an extension, both the health and legal implications still have to be assessed. I will take his question as a representation and examine it in more detail.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, Canada allowed this device to be used for some 11 years after it was taken off the U.S. market. Therefore, will he not agree that any Canadian woman in the future who discovers that she suffered damages as a result of using that device will be allowed to pick up the cost of those damages from the Government on any claims filed in Canada?

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Hon. Member understands that since 1981 the Health Protection Branch of my Department has advised users of the Dalkon shield to stop its use. My answer to his suggestion can only be the same as it was to his first question. I can give no commitments on compensation or any position the Government will take on it.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

MINISTER OF REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION—PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. He knows that the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion did not have a blind trust if his spouse was part of its management. He had *de facto* the ability to run his own business affairs. If the Prime Minister refused to say, when questioned this morning, that he believed the Minister did not discuss his business affairs with his spouse, why should Canadians believe it?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): The hon. gentleman tries to affix me with a position which I reject in its entirety. He knows, or should