

Inquiries of the Ministry

fact that the government supposedly spent \$67 million this summer for student employment, is the Prime Minister going to undertake an inquiry into how many of those jobs went to poor and married students as compared with the number obtained by the sons and daughters of the affluent?

An hon. Member: Answer.

Mr. Paproski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When will a statement be made to show just who got the money?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member knows, and the House knows, that a report is to be made after the assessment of the Opportunities for Youth program has been terminated. I assume that some information of this kind may be available.

Mr. Paproski: A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Did the government ever have a policy this summer for giving priority assistance to poor and married students, or was the assistance to be just for Grits?

• (4:30 p.m.)

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OIL

PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—DISCUSSION WITH UNITED STATES

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Could he tell us whether officials of his department are discussing with his American counterpart the setting up of a pipeline in Alberta to develop the Prudhoe Bay oil-fields?

[English]

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, there has been discussion for the last year or two in general vein, but there has not been any in the last few weeks.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

Mr. Nielsen: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Brandon-Souris. I will recognize the hon. member for Yukon immediately thereafter.

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AIR CANADA

REQUEST FOR LOWER FARES, OTTAWA TO VANCOUVER

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. As a result of the failure of IATA to reach agreement on overseas air fares and the resulting "hanky-panky" which forced Air

Canada to reduce its trans-Atlantic fares to \$186, is the government taking action against domestic "hanky-panky" which allows Air Canada to charge \$280 for fares from Ottawa to Vancouver?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will allow the minister to reply. However, I think hon. members should take care in placing questions before the House to make sure that, from the procedural aspect, they are in a form which makes it easy for the Chair to allow the questions to be asked and answers given.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, may I say how much I appreciate that ruling. I would not wish to be known as the minister in charge of "hanky-panky".

Mr. Baldwin: That portfolio is already occupied.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Jamieson: Answering the question, I am hoping to have discussions with Air Canada within a few days with regard to the whole question of fares and the like resulting from the IATA disagreement or from the failure to reach agreement. I have nothing new to report at this time other than what I have said in the past.

Mr. Dinsdale: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. With respect to your comments, Sir, may I say that I picked up that phrase from the report of these discussions. I should like to ask the minister if he is aware of expert opinion to the effect that a fare of \$180 would be economically feasible for the Ottawa-Vancouver run?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, there are all kinds of experts in these matters. I should like to get the evidence directly.

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PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—CONSULTATION TO SETTLE LAND RIGHTS OF NATIVE PEOPLE

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to ask of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources with respect to the potential pipeline from Prudhoe Bay across the Yukon and down the Mackenzie Valley to Alberta. Since the completion of ecological studies is now in sight, and since the consortiums which are prepared to commence construction of this \$2 billion project are on the threshold of beginning, will the minister say whether the government has come to grips with the only remaining problem, namely, immediate consultation with native peoples in order to settle their land rights in the areas involved.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the question of consultation with the native peoples comes under the jurisdiction of my colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Nielsen: Where is he?