

of Justice, and I see no reason why it could not be obtained immediately. Therefore, I would ask the parliamentary secretary to assure me that the list can be made available before the parliamentary recess. Surely, the government would not want to hide the list of lawyers who do business for it?

**Mr. Reid:** Mr. Speaker, I am not a prophet and I cannot foresee when the House will rise for the summer recess.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### LABOUR RELATIONS

#### DISPUTE WITH NON-OPERATING RAILWAY EMPLOYEES— ACCEPTANCE OF MEDIATION BY UNION—POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Labour I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the chairman of the non-operating railway unions has stated in a letter to the Department of Labour that they are now prepared to accept the mediation services of the department, I would like to ask the Prime Minister if the federal mediators have been in touch with both parties with a view to bringing them together again for negotiations?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I understand the assistant to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Kelly, is in Montreal meeting with both parties at this time, or has been meeting with them.

**Mr. McGrath:** As a supplementary question may I ask if the government has been in touch with the railways and the unions, after the failure of the conciliation board to reach agreement, with a view to coming up with a new set of proposals which would form the basis of new negotiations?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the meetings I have just alluded to have been taking place, and it is not for me to disclose the nature of them.

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#### REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE FROM UNION AND RAILWAYS ESSENTIAL SERVICES WILL NOT BE DISRUPTED IN EVENT OF STRIKE

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary to the Acting Minister of Transport. May I ask the Acting Minister of Transport if the government is now prepared to state that they have received assurances from the unions that, with the threat of a nation-wide rail strike or rotating strikes, essential services will not be disrupted and specifically that essential food will be transported, grain will be transported and essential ferry services between Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island will be maintained?

### Oral Questions

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Acting Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot reply to each one of those items specifically because I do not know the extent of the commitment that has been made. I can assure the hon. member that representations have been made to the parties concerned with regard to essential services, and very specifically with regard to the maintenance of ferry service between the mainland and the two island provinces.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe, a supplementary.

**Mr. Marshall:** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary has been pre-empted.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar.

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Transport whether he has had assurances from the two major railways in respect of the movement of essential food and feed grains, in fact all grains needed, in the possibility of a strike or tie-up?

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, I repeat that such assurances have been sought but in that particular case, with the hon. member's indulgence, I will have to take the question as notice and get an answer later. I am not sure what assurances the railways have given.

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### MANPOWER

#### ALLEGED GIVING OF GRANTS CONDITIONAL ON FAVOURABLE TREATMENT OF MINISTER

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. May I ask the minister if he was aware of the alleged offer made by a Liberal member of parliament to a certain group to the effect that a grant would be obtained if they would treat the minister with honey rather than vinegar, and in any case is he in a position to make a statement on this allegation?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the allegation first came to my attention when I read the newspaper this morning. I have had no part nor any discussion on the possibility whatsoever of such an offer involving a grant. I would categorically deny that there was any such arrangement made to which I was party. I am not privy to the discussions that took place between the hon. member mentioned and the group he referred to and I doubt very much that there was such an implication.

#### LOCAL INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH GRANTS—REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF MINISTERIAL AUTHORITY IN GRANTING APPROVAL

**Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Can the Prime Minister assure the House that the government will review its policy of using ministerial authority to approve LIP and OFY