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## STE. SCHOLASTIQUE—JET OVERHAUL FACILITIES

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister say whether plans for the new airport at St. Scholastique include the construction of jet overhaul base facilities at that new airport for both Air Canada and any other national Canadian carriers?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge there is no plan to build base maintenance facilities at St. Scholastique. There will of course be line maintenance facilities, but according to the last briefing I had there was no plan to build base maintenance facilities.

Mr. Schreyer: Can the minister say whether it is the intention to ferry all aircraft requiring more extensive overhaul from St. Scholastique to Dorval?

Mr. Hellyer: That would be the present intention, Mr. Speaker. However, these plans are always subject to change as the hon. member knows, and therefore it is very difficult to speculate or to make commitments, or at least to give information which is not subject to change some time in the future. But I think that if the question were directed to the management of the companies at this stage it would be their plan to ferry the planes to Dorval for base maintenance.

Mr. Schreyer: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a further supplementary to the minister. In view of the fact that \$21 million is being allocated for base extension at Dorval, does not the minister regard the Air Canada position as one of gross deception—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that this is argumentation and not a question.

MONTREAL—REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED LEAK

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister a question. In view of the judgment made yesterday, and I am not referring to the judgment other than just as a preamble, would the Prime Minister now consider it would be proper to set up a judicial inquiry in reference to the cabinet leak in reference to the new Montreal airport?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Hellyer.]

## GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

PRETAPING OF DECISIONS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION IN HOUSE

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): May I ask a supplementary question. Is it now accepted as government policy that they are prepared to pretape government decisions and cabinet decisions prior to making those decisions, or at least prior to the announcement of those decisions in the House of Commons?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Well, Mr. Speaker, it may be that we will have to look at the whole area of information services to the public, and it may be that such facilities in the future would have to be brought under government control.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct one more supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. In view of his statement made outside the house, does he now consider that the Official Secrets Act does apply to people unsworn in other parts, that are not part of government, such as television and radio stations?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am informed it applies to contractors but I would not presume to give the hon. member a legal opinion.

## BROADCASTING

TAPING OF COMMENTS FOR LATER DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): As a further supplementary question, did the minister express a legal opinion outside the House of Commons on TV stations in Canada last evening?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I gave my own opinion, Mr. Speaker, based on advice I had received; but I was interested yesterday, and I thought the hon. member and the hon. member for York South sort of pointed up beautifully the importance of the electronic media when they left the chamber before Orders of the Day were concluded—

Mr. Speaker: Order-

Mr. Hellyer: —to tape their comments—

Mr. Speaker: Order-

Mr. Hellyer: —in order to catch the early news last night.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please