

AIR TRANSPORT

HIJACKING OF PLANES—SUGGESTED PROHIBITION OF PAYMENT OF RANSOM BY AIRLINES

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. In order to discourage potential hijackers for gain, is the government giving consideration, among other things, to bringing in as part of the de-incentive, if I can use that expression, a provision whereby no airline will be permitted to pay ransom? Similar discussions are taking place today in the United States, and it would appear to be a very effective way of dealing with prospective hijackers.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, we certainly appreciate the right hon. member's expression of opinion. There is no immediate intention to introduce legislation along these lines. Of course, legislation dealing with the general subject is before the House at the present time.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville.

Mr. McCleave: A supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants in a moment. The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville has been waiting for a while to ask his question.

[Later:]

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): My question to the Minister of Justice is supplementary to the question asked by the right hon. member for Prince Albert. Will the government consider the introduction of an amendment when the latest omnibus bill dealing with changes to the Criminal Code is in committee that would bring about the change that the right hon. member for Prince Albert is suggesting?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, in mentioning the legislation my intention was to draw specifically to the attention of hon. members the fact that we could have a discussion about this matter at that time, either in the House or in committee, and give full consideration to it. I certainly welcome the apparent understanding of members opposite that it is important to stand strong against hijackers whenever threats for ransom are made.

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AGRICULTURE

FARM MACHINERY—IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Agriculture. It is now several months since the Barber commission report on farm machinery was made public. In view of this, can the minister enlighten us as to what action he plans toward implementing some of its recommendations?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I do not think a reply to a question would be the way to give a detailed account on that. A number of actions have

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been taken with some success along the lines of some of the recommendations of Dr. Barber.

Mr. Nystrom: In view of the fact farm machinery prices have increased drastically since the report, is the minister considering a further inquiry into the rapid rise of these prices?

Mr. Olson: Not at the moment, Mr. Speaker.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM— EXTENSION OF LIMITS FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the hon. Secretary of State.

Does the government intend to extend the application period under the Opportunities for Youth program?

[English]

Hon. Gerard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Unfortunately not, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Gibson: Why not?

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[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

FERTILIZER—ALLEGED PRICING PRACTICES OF CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO BUY PRODUCT CHEAPER IN UNITED STATES

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It arises out of the fact that once again fertilizer manufacturers in Canada are shipping their product to the United States at prices which enable it to be delivered by truck back from the Dakotas and Montana to the prairie region for some \$20 a ton cheaper than western farmers can purchase it at the plant. Is the minister aware of this situation and, if so, can he give us some assurance that in future any Canadian distributor willing to purchase off-season fertilizer production will be quoted the same price as are buyers from other countries?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I appreciate the hon. member's representation. I will look into the matter and see what can be done.