

initiate discussions with other countries on a bilateral basis, aside from the conference with Cuba, dealing with problems arising out of the hijacking and cowardly and murderous destruction of civil aircraft, beyond the Tokyo convention?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Canada is a part of all discussions going on on an international basis through IATA and the like, but as I indicated yesterday there are also bilateral discussions with Cuba on the same subject. We will participate in any discussion with any country designed to bring an end to this problem.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question was whether Canada is taking an initiative in going beyond the terms of the Tokyo convention because this dealt with hijacking. I refer to the wanton and murderous destruction of aircraft.

Mr. Jamieson: The organization through which this normally would be dealt is ICAO. I can assure the House that in the new round of representations which will take place in a matter of days, I believe, we will take a strong stand because our position is that there should be the maximum effort in this regard. How that is to be carried out, of course, as the hon. member knows is exceedingly difficult.

POLLUTION

TESTING OF WATERS ADJACENT TO COLUMBIA CELLULOSE MILLS, WATSON ISLAND, B.C.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Fisheries. The other day I inquired about a particular report concerning some water studies and the like near Prince Rupert. Is the minister in a position to state whether or not this report and the result of the studies can be made public?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker. The report of the investigation can be made public.

[Translation]

OIL

POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Inquiries of the Ministry

As I have received no answer to my question of last week, I will ask it again. Has he been informed of the requests forwarded to President Nixon by the independent association of oil producers of America in order to obtain a reduction of United States imports of Canadian oil?

[English]

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that the U.S. section of the Independent Petroleum Association of the United States has made a report complaining of the amount of Canadian oil that is finding its way into the United States market. That has been brought to my attention.

WATER RESOURCES

SCOPE OF STUDIES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Thunder Bay): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I was pleased to hear the minister's statement concerning the water studies being conducted in northern Ontario, but I should like to know from him if these studies also include sociological and ecological considerations, in addition to the hydrological and engineering aspects.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the statement of the Prime Minister and the premier of Ontario issued at that time I think, indicated that the studies would encompass present and future requirements of such waters. The studies to date are largely hydrographical and engineering, but my colleague the cabinet minister without portfolio from Thunder Bay has already drawn my attention to the fact that he believes they should be enlarged to include ecological and sociological considerations. I will be very glad to take the matter up with my Ontario confrères.

INCOME TAX

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN EXEMPTION GRANTED TO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the tremendous contribution made by volunteer firemen all across Canada in protecting lives and property, and in view of the fact that they have been caught up in the inflationary spiral and are finding the costs of replacing or cleaning damaged wearing apparel an increasing burden, will