

AIR TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC TRAFFIC BY CP AIR

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. In this new-found spirit of competition in the air industry is the minister considering the removal or the expansion of the 25 per cent ruling which curtails development of CP Air traffic in Canada.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, there has been no consideration of any specific change of that nature.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence, but since he has left his seat perhaps I might ask it later.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON POLITICAL GROUPS IN CANADA WORKING TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT OF FOREIGN COUNTRY

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs I should like to put my question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact that yesterday Jean-Pierre Bourdouxhe, the secretary of the New Democratic Party of Quebec, confirmed that his party is, in his words, raising funds for the Chilean socialists in exile for the purpose of overthrowing the present Chilean government—and I see that the federal NDP approves this as well—could the Acting Prime Minister advise this House whether it is government policy to condone any political group in Canada working for the purpose of bringing down some foreign government and if not what steps is the government taking to bring this irresponsible precedent to an end?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, ordinarily it would not be government policy to interfere in any way with groups which hold political views. I understand there are some on the other side who are working to bring down this government.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Sharp: Our main concern in this regard is to discourage violence and terrorist activities of any kind.

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IMMIGRATION

ALLEGED MISUSE OF MINISTERIAL PERMITS BY CHILEAN REFUGEES—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the

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Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Following on my questions of two days ago regarding the misuse of the special ministerial permits issued to and signed by 55 Chilean immigrants admitted to Canada, some of whom are now taking part in international subversive political activities in this country, I should like to ask the minister first, why there were only 55 immigrants compelled to sign these permits when over 3,000 Chileans were admitted to Canada at that time? At the same time could the minister advise this House what steps he is prepared to take to overcome the illegalities as they relate to his department?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the only persons asked to sign those statements were the 55 signees who took refuge in the embassy at Santiago at the time of the coup and were let into Canada on minister's permits. If there is a contravention of the permits in that particular case we would want to look into that but I am not satisfied yet that this has occurred.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

SUGGESTED EARLY INTRODUCTION OF GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the very strong statement issued yesterday by the National Council on Welfare expressing concern for the plight of the poor in Canada in light of the present anti-inflationary program and urging that income and support implementation programs are even more essential given the economic policy the government has announced, can the minister say whether steps are being taken to speed up the introduction of the guaranteed annual income or other programs of income supplementation?

[Translation]

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, first of all I should like to advise the hon. member that one of the fundamental objectives of the government anti-inflation program at the present time is precisely to assure the underprivileged in our society that their incomes will not be eroded by inflation. One of the real objectives of this program is to assist the underprivileged.

The success of this anti-inflation campaign will certainly have a great impact on the standard of living of the underprivileged. Concerning the program of income support and income supplementation which has been under consideration with the provinces for a few months now, I have just come back from a tour of the provinces in which I met all the ministers responsible for welfare at the provincial level. We are considering a meeting in early 1976 to discuss once again this matter.

I proposed a meeting for the beginning of December but the British Columbia government asked that it be held later.

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Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the National Council on Welfare does