

and Corporate Affairs. In view of the spread in pork prices between the 20 cents a pound for dressed pork which a farmer receives in Saskatchewan and the retail price of pork products such as ham, which sells for \$1.20 per pound, will the minister look into this price difference and consider appropriate action?

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### URBAN AFFAIRS

#### METROPOLITAN TORONTO—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION AT TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing and urban affairs. Has the minister indicated to the chairman of Metropolitan Toronto since his recent meeting with him that the federal government will attend the conference to be called by Metro Toronto Council for all levels of government and all relevant transportation authorities?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge, this conference has not been brought to my attention. I shall certainly be receptive to such an invitation if it should come my way.

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### HOUSING

#### STATUS OF MORTGAGE ON ROCHDALE COLLEGE, TORONTO

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** May I, on a question of privilege, correct an error that I made yesterday in answer to a question, as reported at page 2622 of *Hansard*. I used the word "mortgagee" whereas I ought to have used "mortgagor". I thank the hon. member for Hamilton West for bringing this matter to my attention.

**Mr. Alexander:** I will send the minister my bill later.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. McCleave:** Mr. Speaker, I gave counsel without fee to the hon. member for Hamilton West as a result of which he suggested the correction.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN CANADA

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the government decided to organize special continuing protection for foreign diplomats in Canada. If so, will the minister be making a statement on motions to outline it?

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the department has, of course, in recent months taken very special care of diplomats who are resident here. We have also responded to the requests of diplomats who feel that their lives or safety are in danger. These arrangements are made partly with the local police and partly with the federal police.

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### TRANSPORT

#### AIR CANADA AND CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—PROTECTION OF INTERESTS OF PEOPLE

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport which is supplementary to questions asked earlier about transport problems. Will the minister once and for all put his foot down in his negotiations with Air Canada and Canadian National, and will he assure the House that he will protect the interests of the people concerned rather than the interests of the various organizations?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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### INDUSTRY

#### RENFREW AIRCRAFT AND ENGINEERING COMPANY—INVESTIGATION OF PROPOSED CLOSING

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Last Tuesday I asked him whether he was aware of the intention of Renfrew Aircraft and Engineering Company to close its doors on March 31, thus putting a large number of people, in relation to the size of the community, out of work. The minister said that he had no knowledge of this but that he would inquire.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I inquired and the answer would take at least ten minutes to read. It is very complex and has to do with a general decline in the aircraft industry and with intercompany relations, in this case United Aircraft and Renfrew Aircraft. In checking, I found that since the designation of the Renfrew area in April, 1970, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has approved four applications for regional development incentives involving capital expenditures of \$2.9 million and 241 new jobs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

#### PROPOSED CLOSING OF MANIWAKI LUMBER PLANT

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Has the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce seen reports of the intention to close a lumber plant in Maniwaki on March 5? Has he investigated that situation, since all over the country plants are closing and adding to the desperate unemployment we now face?