

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****MIDDLE EAST—REQUEST BY ISRAEL TO UNITED STATES FOR PHANTOM JET PLANES**

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. At the recent NATO council meeting in Rome did the minister oppose the request of the Israeli government to the United States government for Phantom jets?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** No, Mr. Speaker, I made no comment on the subject.

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**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION****QUEBEC—INCLUSION OF MONTMAGNY IN SPECIAL AREAS**

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Given the alarming situation now prevailing in the city of Montmagny, where 1,500 people are out of work, would the minister be prepared to recommend to his colleague the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to include the city of Montmagny in the special area of the district of Quebec, which would enable it to undertake works to provide employment to the greatest possible number of workers.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think that the hon. member asked this question only a few days ago. If my memory is correct, the hon. member put the question to the minister himself. He is now asking another minister to request his colleagues to study the matter. I do not think that the question as put is in order.

Moreover, the hon. member has already drawn this issue to the attention of the House.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege.

I admit that I did put that question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, but since then I have received representations. In view of the seriousness of the situation, I would surely have directed my question today to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, but since the Minister of Manpower and Immigration has some responsibilities in this respect, I put the question to him for that reason.

requests that the Minister of Justice intervene in the situation because certain union leaders have been incarcerated for contempt of court. I have been asked to request the Minister of Justice to intervene in this matter with a view to facilitating a better mood for completing negotiations. Can the Solicitor General indicate to the House the position the Minister of Justice might take on this question.

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to bring this request to the attention of the Minister of Justice. I hesitate to ask the minister to do anything that could be interpreted as interfering with a prosecution that is before the courts.

**VIOLENT DISTURBANCES****MONTREAL—CO-OPERATION BY GOVERNMENT IN ENDING BOMB EXPLOSIONS**

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** My question is for the Solicitor General. Can the minister make a report to the House on the government's co-operation in putting an end to professional terrorist bombings in Montreal?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know what report can be given to the House on the matter. The three police forces directly concerned are working together to investigate these offences. It has never been the practice to give information about an investigation during the course of the investigation.

**MANPOWER****CLOSING OF GOLD MINE, GERALDTON, ONT.—ACTION BY CANADA MANPOWER SERVICE TO ASSIST EMPLOYEES**

**Mr. B. Keith Penner (Thunder Bay):** I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It is supplementary to the question I asked last Friday concerning the closing of a gold mine in Geraldton, Ontario. What immediate action will be taken by Canada Manpower to assist the nearly 200 men who will lose their jobs as a result of the closing of this operation?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I have asked Canada Manpower counselors in Thunder Bay to go to Geraldton today to discuss the question with the employer and employees, and to make the services of the department available to those employees who are affected.