

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Norman Cafik (Ontario): Would the Minister of National Defence take steps to provide to Mr. Lévesque an opportunity to supply the names of such alleged separatists in our forces, in other words, ask him to put up or shut up?

An hon. Member: Take your own advice.

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OIL

STATEMENT BY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF FINANCE ON SHIPMENT FROM ALASKA DOWN BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, may I point out first on the same subject that I think the book of the Secretary of State must now be in the second printing of the paperback edition in view of all the publicity it has been given here so far.

My question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Can he say whether his parliamentary secretary was indicating government policy or perhaps the lack of it when, according to a press report, he said that despite all the talk Alaskan oil will be moved by ship down the British Columbia coast?

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the hon. member will appreciate that it is not in order to ask the minister whether his parliamentary secretary is expressing government policy when he makes a statement either inside or outside the House. The hon. member for Egmont has a supplementary question, I believe.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

SUGGESTED REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PERMANENT LAW AND QUEBEC CRISIS

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): My question is to the Prime Minister and it is a supplementary to my earlier question about a general reference to a parliamentary committee with regard to events last fall. Will the government give consideration also to allowing various members of the cabinet to appear before the committee both as private persons and as cabinet ministers?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): We generally find a way of making our position known to the House and to the country, and I would think that the purpose of this committee, whatever terms of reference it has, would be to elucidate opinions from the opposition on the position they would take to improve the laws of our country to meet any threat to our democracy.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): That was a nonsense answer.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice in

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respect of this matter in the knowledge of his great appreciation of his over-all responsibilities. Was he consulted fully on these events, did he approve of such action, and is he happy to remain a member of a cabinet that does such things?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond with a last supplementary on this subject. In fairness to other hon. members I suggest we might go on to another subject.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): My supplementary is directed to the Minister of Labour. Considering the lack of jobs in the country, the lack of attendance in the House because of the roster system and the length of time it takes to write a book, has the Minister of Labour objected to the Secretary of State moonlighting as a cabinet minister and will he recommend his dismissal from the cabinet?

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INDUSTRY

AIRCRAFT—PROMOTION OF MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF SHORT TAKE-OFF AND LANDING PLANES

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the recent problems of Rolls Royce of Great Britain, the apparent limitation on the development of the SST in the United States, and the consequent repercussions on the entire Canadian aircraft industry especially in employment, can the minister indicate if the government is now taking the advice of the Science Council of Canada and actively encouraging and promoting the manufacture and sale of STOL aircraft where we still have an international lead in development?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the government did not wait for the recommendation of the Science Council before giving support to STOL aircraft industry in Canada. When my estimates come before the committee I shall be very keen to report on what has been done in terms of research and development and support for international marketing for different companies in the STOL aircraft sector. Short of that, I can repeat what I have already said, that we are looking at this matter further and we will see if we can help it further. Again we are giving a lot of support, and I shall be delighted to report on that in due course.

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, on the basis of what the minister has just said I wonder if he can indicate whether the government is actively involved in a program of development of export markets for STOL aircraft?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Very deeply, Mr. Speaker. I had a letter two days ago from the president of de Havilland thanking the government profusely for that support.