

Oral Questions

right now and I certainly do not wish to intervene. I think that everyone should be very careful in this situation because the pilots on the west coast, as well as other pilots, are not wage earners making \$2,000 or \$3,000 a year but have an average salary of probably \$25,000 or \$30,000 a year. This does not mean they have no rights. They have some rights, and they are negotiating. I think it would be preferable if the hon. gentleman would wait until the negotiations are completed.

[Translation]

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT SAINT-GERMAIN—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION BY MINISTER

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Transport concerning an unfortunate accident which took place on December 9. It has to do with the railroad accident at Saint-Germain in the riding of Drummond where two persons were killed, implicating nine dependents. Early in December, the coroner's inquest had not been held yet. Does the minister intend to intervene in that sad matter?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will get more information because I do not know enough about it to give a satisfactory answer.

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[English]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Joe Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Since the January figures for unemployment indicate that we are now into the fifth year in a row in which the unemployment crisis is most acute among Canadians under the age of 24, and since the Prime Minister indicated last year, as recorded at page 3081 of *Hansard*, that he would review the progress of the interdepartmental committee which was established to look at youth employment policies, I wonder whether the Prime Minister has activated that committee again or created a new one? In any event, when will he be in a position to announce to the House and to the country a comprehensive new program to find jobs for the 300,000 young Canadians who are now out of work?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as regards the latter part of the question, we expect that the budget will present Canadians with an economic statement which will help all sections of the economy.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, since the Prime Minister's answer indicates that there has been no change in the government's lack of policy in this respect, I wonder whether I might ask the Secretary of State a supplementary question. Has he received a copy of the report of that interdepartmental committee, and will he

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

either table it in the House or at least indicate when the government intends to introduce new programs to reduce the high rate of unemployment among young people which has been a feature of Canadian life ever since this government was elected?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question as asked is not in order.

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AIRPORTS

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—REQUEST FOR DELAY IN EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS UNTIL ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport arising out of the great concern in Vancouver about the proposed expansion of the airport, a concern that arises from the fact a number of major questions have not been answered relating to noise and the effect on land values. I should like to ask the minister again whether he is prepared to provide some kind of a moratorium there so that the people concerned can get answers to the questions that are concerning them so seriously.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I think I have answered the question already. A hearing is now taking place under the Expropriation Act. Nothing will be done before the completion of this hearing, the date of which I believe is March 4. After the public meeting took place a public information kit was distributed very widely in Vancouver to all those who are interested in the problem. It contains all the answers, and I will be happy to send a copy of it to the hon. gentleman.

Mr. Reynolds: On a point of order—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Reynolds: Mr. Speaker, the minister stated yesterday that the questions were answered. He has a telegram or the Prime Minister has a telegram from the greater Vancouver regional board which states that 15 major questions have not yet been answered. My point of order is that either the Minister of Transport is misinforming the House or he does not know what his own department is doing in Vancouver.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEER LODGE HOSPITAL—NEGOTIATIONS ON TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MANITOBA—MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL STANDARDS AND JOB SECURITY

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Are negotiations going on at present between the federal government and the Manitoba government to transfer responsibility for the Deer Lodge Veterans Hospital to the province?