

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have received the wire. At least, I am assuming it is in my office because I did see a copy of it which the hon. member was good enough to send to me. I presume reference is being made to the application now before the Canadian Transport Commission made by the Kootenay and Elk Railroad. This is a judicial proceeding now, of course, and until the findings of the CTC are made known no further action by the government is possible.

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NATIONAL SECURITY**SEARCHES AND ARRESTS UNDER PUBLIC ORDER
(TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT**

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether he has any information as to the number of searches and arrests, if any, which have been made by the combined police forces in Quebec since the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act came into effect almost two weeks ago.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I cannot add to the figures that I have given the House, but I can give the most recent figures, though I cannot segregate them as between the original regulations under the War Measures Act and the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act which is now in force. As of 1.30 two days ago, December 14, the number arrested was 456; rearrested, 2; released, 408; detained, 46. There is a discrepancy in the figures which can be explained by the fact that there were a few released on bail.

Mr. Lewis: Would the minister be good enough to undertake to obtain a segregation of these figures so that the House may know, when he gets a chance to inform us tomorrow or the next day, how many of these arrests have taken place since the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act came into force? Would the minister also find out whether any searches have been made under the new legislation since it came into force?

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AIR CANADA**CREW TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 747 PLANES**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, would the Minister of Transport inquire from Air Canada and advise the House whether Air Canada has decided to cancel its 747 crew training program in this country and, if so, whether the reason is the level of landing charges made by his department as well as the high level of tax on fuel in Canada, which means that the program will now be carried out in the United States?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I will be glad to look into this matter, Mr. Speaker. I find the second part of the question a little incredible, but I will try to find out for the hon. member.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): That is why I asked the question.

[Mr. Skoreyko.]

WATER RESOURCES**PEACE, SLAVE AND MACKENZIE RIVERS—ALLOCATION
OF USE—APPLICATION UNDER NAVIGABLE WATERS
PROTECTION ACT RESPECTING POWER DAMS ON PEACE
RIVER**

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Following the meetings at Yellowknife, and in light of the immediate requirement of coming to decisions regarding the use of the waters in the Peace, Slave and Mackenzie River systems, would the minister take it upon himself to convene a meeting with the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia to decide upon the allocation of use of those waters as between power production and transportation to the Arctic?

Mr. Judd Buchanan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to bring the hon. member's representations to the attention of the minister.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport. In light of the statement that the province of Alberta proposes to place two large power dams on the Peace River, has there been any application made to the minister under the provisions of the Navigable Waters Protection Act? If not, will the minister make certain that there is not a repetition of what took place in regard to the Bennett dam, when no application was made under that Act, in order to protect people living downriver?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, with the hon. member's permission I will take that question as notice.

**FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL TASK FORCE STUDY OF
PEACE-ATHABASCA DELTA**

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister of fisheries. Could he inform the House when he expects the federal-provincial task force to study the Peace-Athabasca delta problem, and when does the minister expect a report on this study?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Mr. Speaker, the task force will begin operation early in the new year and I hope we will have a preliminary report before the end of 1971.

Mr. Yewchuk: I wonder whether the minister could indicate if included in this study will be the question of power potential as well as pollution of Lake Athabasca?

Mr. Davis: The main concern is the environmental one, but power production will be another matter for consideration.