

there have not been any installations installed, would the minister say why there has not been better co-operation between his department and the Canadian Airline Pilots Association in this regard, to bring about the security measures that we would expect to be enforced?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, there are a great many hypotheses in that question, if it can be called a question, that I would like to refute. I said on November 18 that additional equipment had been ordered. This, in fact, is the case. I have re-read that answer thoroughly and I am satisfied that each word in it is accurate. Further, I would like to indicate that we have been in constant consultation with the Canadian Airline Pilots Association. If there is anything further that the pilots have to propose by way of specific measures relating to my responsibilities I would be happy to consider them, and implement them if at all possible.

HIJACKING—NUMBER OF PREVENTIVE DEVICES OPERATIVE AT AIRPORTS—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, as a supplementary question, in view of the minister's reply on November 18 that devices had been installed at a number of airports, may I ask the minister if these devices are operative, at what dates they were operative, and how many have been installed?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, even if I had that information obviously I would not make it known publicly. I believe the hon. gentleman knows there have been cases where they have been in operation. I would refer the hon. member to the second part of my answer on that date when I replied to one of his colleagues who referred to the fact that these devices were portable. As I say, I do not know the dates on which they were operative at particular airports, but if I can find out and provide this information without risk to the travelling public, I will do so.

Mr. McGrath: As a further supplementary, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the gentleman who pulled off the recent successful hijacking said he came to Canada for this purpose because it was easy to do it in Canada, may I ask the minister if in the public interest—

An hon. Member: He did not say that.

Mr. McGrath: He is alleged to have said something to that effect, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to stand by the very reliable information that I have on this matter, and I am sure the minister knows it is reliable. I merely want to ask—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: May we have order, please? The hon. member for St. John's East has the floor for the purpose of asking a question.

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Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I can assure you my authority is as good as the authority that the hon. member has.

Mr. Peters: Sure. You just dreamed it up.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

• (2:40 p.m.)

Mr. McGrath: The hon. member takes second place to nobody when it comes to dreaming things. Because this is a matter of great public importance and urgency may I ask the minister if he would be prepared, in the public interest, to point out exactly what security precautions we are taking at our airports in Canada to prevent hijackings.

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, if I were to do that, then the hon. gentleman's comment with regard to hijackers would be exactly right, because I would be inviting them to learn exactly what precautions we are taking. Obviously, the question cannot be dealt with in that way.

Mr. McGrath: Why? Because we are not taking precautions?

Mr. Jamieson: As for the comment regarding the hijacker's alleged statement about this being easy to do in Canada, I hardly think that that stands up, since the last man to try it got hit over the head with a hatchet.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INCLUSION OF AIR PIRACY IN EXTRADITION TREATY WITH CUBA

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): I would like to direct a supplementary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Speaker.

Could he tell us if the government intends to undertake negotiations with the Cuban government so as to include air piracy in the extradition treaty concluded with that country?

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker. These negotiations have been underway now for some time. There has been excellent co-operation on the part of the Cuban government and we hope in the very near future that there will be a treaty of this kind between Canada and Cuba.

Mr. Forrestall: When?

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MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—CRITERIA—RESULTS OF PROJECTS APPROVED

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.