

Inquiries of the Ministry

The report refers to the incident when Walter Turner, who is now a reporter with the *Montreal Star* in Montreal, was fired as editor of the *Canadian Sailor* and replaced by John Dormer, who was then a rank and file member of the union. The report goes on:

The "truth" to which he refers—

That is, Mr. Banks.

—does not derive from facts considered properly, and objectively, but is the "truth" according to Banks—which the record shows was very often indeed far from the truth and amounted to mere propaganda.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, on the basis of my question of privilege, Mr. John Dormer was the mouthpiece of Mr. Hal Banks; therefore the statement of Mr. Dormer which is contained in the transcript circulated and from which the *Telegram* derives its story depends on the character and the mouth of Mr. Hal Banks.

LABOUR RELATIONS**MARITIME UNION TRUSTEES—REPRESENTATIONS BY UNIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that hon. Members accept the hon. gentleman's word, but I would ask the Minister of Labour a question on this subject. Has the Minister received a copy of various reports, affidavits, correspondence and the transcript of a taped interview between the hon. Member for Yukon and various members of the Seafarers' International Union who are dissatisfied with the action of the maritime trustees and the procedure followed for the election of officers of this union? If so, has the Minister anything to report to the House at this time?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I received notice of the hon. Member's question as I was returning to my office from a meeting before we came into the House. I noticed a bundle of material on my desk, and I suspect it has to do with this question. I have not examined it, but when I do so I will be glad to answer his question.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I should like to ask a supplementary question. In view of the question that has been asked, and in view of the question I asked a few weeks ago as to whether the Government intends to reconstitute the Industrial Relations Committee in order that that Committee may complete its questioning of the trustees as to their [Mr. Turner.]

stewardship, will the Minister of Labour now indicate whether a decision has been made with his colleagues to reinstitute that Committee and bring the maritime trustees before it?

Mr. MacEachen: No, Mr. Speaker, a decision has not yet been taken in respect of this particular matter, because that decision is contingent upon a number of other circumstances which will be more clear as time passes. When the circumstances are clear we will make a decision.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Labour.

In view of the important part unions are playing in this country now, would the minister or the government not consider, instead of setting up a commission to ascertain whether American unions have a right to operate in Canada, taking action in order to give us Canadian unions made up of Canadians to protect the rights of Canadians against employers who want to take unfair advantage of Canadians, whom we must defend here in parliament?

[Text]

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I think both the Canadian and international unions have these objectives and have carried them out very successfully.

Mr. Herridge: What about Paul Hall's domination?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

AIR TRANSPORT**DETAILS RESPECTING ASSISTANCE TO SECONDARY AIRPORTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reg Cantelon (Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. On March 25 the Minister indicated that a new capital assistance policy would soon come into effect in respect of small airports. I understand there has been some difficulty in working out the regulations, but in view of the fact that I have received an inquiry in this regard I should like to ask him when we might expect to receive the details he then promised to supply.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I understand that the working out of the details has been all but