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those who received counselling abroad reported subsequently that this counselling was inadequate in any way. Moreover, two out of three persons in this small group indicated—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Perrault: I would hope, Mr. Speaker, that we could provide a full and complete answer to the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member for Greenwood and to the parliamentary secretary that that question really was not supplementary. It might have been related to the first question, but we seem to have drifted away little by little from the original question asked 15 minutes ago. For the moment the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Témiscamingue.

Mr. Perrault: On a question of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker, may I suggest that the hon. member schedule this for ten o'clock because we would like to provide him with the facts.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Lewis: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the House would be glad to revert to motions so that those facts can be given to us now.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent to revert to motions?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Apparently there is opposition to the suggestion that we return to motions for the purpose of hearing the parliamentary secretary on this matter. For the moment the Chair recognizes the hon. member for Témiscamingue.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL PARKS

POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERPROVINCIAL PARK IN TÉMISCAMINGUE—REPRESENTATIONS FROM CITIZENS' GROUPS—DISCUSSIONS WITH ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the hon. Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, in charge of national parks.

On many occasions when I asked him questions about the Témiscamingue national park, the minister replied that he was to discuss the matter with the premier of Quebec. Is the minister aware that people are now talking about an interprovincial park that would include the Mat-tawa area in Ontario and that of Témiscamingue? If so, could he tell us about the progress of the discussions?

[Mr. Perrault.]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the new proposal to the effect that citizens from Ontario would like the park to include areas on both sides of the frontier. We also discussed the matter with the Ontario government but have not received any answer yet.

Mr. Caouette: On a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Did the hon. minister receive representations from the council of Témiscamingue county to the effect that it would be preferable to create a national park in Témiscamingue without any areas from another province?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question as asked is not in order. The hon. member is asking the minister whether he received representations to that effect.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I will rephrase my question.

As regards that interprovincial park, is there any opposition from the citizens of Témiscamingue? If so, what has the minister told them?

Mr. Chrétien: Citizens on the Quebec side would like the park on their side alone, people from Ontario would also like to have it on their side alone; as a good federalist, I think it might be wise to set it up on both sides.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. member for Prince Albert. May we have order, please. The hon. member for Témiscamingue has a supplementary, after which I will recognize the right hon. gentleman.

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[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: Has the minister informed the premier of Quebec of his intention to establish an interprovincial park?

Mr. Chrétien: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

HIJACKING—RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN TREATIES—PROVISION OF EFFECTIVE SCREENING OF PASSENGERS

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my questions have to do with the statement made at the beginning of today's sitting by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, particularly with the diabolical events that took place in Tel Aviv and the need for action being taken to control hijackings of airplanes which have reached epidemic proportions. Are discussions now going on between the countries which have airways operating in their respective territories to ratify the treaties entered into in 1963 at Tokyo, in 1970 at The Hague and in 1971 at Montreal? This is a matter that particularly affects the foreign relations of our country and the question is therefore directed to the minister responsible. What is being done in this connection?