

Oral Questions

Mr. Hellyer: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the large quantity of sensitive information from the Bank of Canada and from the Departments of Finance and Industry, Trade and Commerce in particular, and in view of the potential value of this information to foreign governments, does the minister intend to initiate the steps necessary to ensure that membership on the council, its staff and persons undertaking contracts for it be limited to Canadian nationals who have been subjected to security screening?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): That question, Mr. Speaker, will become more relevant, of course, after I have made the inquiry into the first question asked by the hon. member.

Mr. Hellyer: May I ask a final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member may ask a last supplementary. I will then permit two further questions before calling orders of the day.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEBATE

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, my brief supplementary is addressed to the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister fulfil at an early date his promise of a few years ago that a day be set aside for a debate on security matters?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would have to discuss with the various House leaders what aspect of this matter they want to discuss and when. I would certainly be prepared to discuss it if the opposition used one of its many days to raise the matter.

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GRAIN

SUGGESTED PRIORITY FOR MOVEMENT OF TOUGH AND DAMP GRAIN FROM NORTHERN ALBERTA

Mr. Dan Hollands (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. In view of the fact that the harvest conditions in northern Alberta have been terrible, would the minister instruct the Wheat Board to give top priority for boxcars to move the tough and damp grain out of that area?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to discuss this matter with the Canadian Wheat Board. Ordinarily, they are very much aware of such circumstances and do attempt to move grain that needs special treatment, consistent with their other needs to get grain to market.

[Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton).]

LABOUR RELATIONS

DISPUTE WITH HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES AT ATOMIC ENERGY PLANTS AT CHALK RIVER AND WHITESHELL—POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT—REPRESENTATIONS AS TO JOB SECURITY

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew North-Nipissing East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. Would the minister inform the House what progress has been made or is being made by the renewal of discussions by the Allied Council representing 11 unions, and the management of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited with regard to a settlement of the eight week old strike of hourly rated employees of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited at Chalk River, Ontario, and Whiteshell, Manitoba?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The employees are voting on a new company offer this afternoon and we expect to have the result by tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member might ask a supplementary question, and I will then recognize the hon. member for Lincoln before calling orders of the day.

An hon. Member: Another planted question?

Mr. Hopkins: Mr. Speaker, no questions of mine are planted; I am interested in labour conditions in my constituency. In view of the antagonism or personality clash that has been evident in this strike, would the Minister of Labour make appropriate representations that job security after the strike is settled will be one of the conditions of an amicable settlement in order that employees will not be penalized as a result of this strike?

Mr. Munro: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Lincoln and then call orders of the day. The question period will be resumed this evening.

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AIRPORTS

POSSIBLE SITE IN NIAGARA PENINSULA AS ALTERNATIVE TO PICKERING OR MOUNT HOPE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Kenneth J. Higson (Lincoln): Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Transport state whether construction of an airport is being considered by his department for the Niagara peninsula, specifically in the township of West Lincoln, as an alternative site to the proposed Pickering airport or to replace the present Mount Hope airport?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the chamber is rather noisy. I should like the hon. member to repeat his question.

Mr. Higson: I shall be happy to repeat my question, Mr. Speaker.