

## Oral Questions

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

INQUIRY AS TO DISPOSITION OF PASSENGERS AND CREW  
OF "MARYSVILLE" ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED IN  
TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Solicitor General if he would be prepared to tell the House why the U.S. drug runner *Marysville*, and her crew and passengers, seized two weeks ago off Vancouver Island, in a brilliant combined operation involving the RCMP and naval forces, on suspicion of smuggling \$1 million worth of hashish into Canada for the illegal drug market, have now been released and are free to return to their trade if they so wish, especially as the cache of hashish—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member's novel, but I think he has reached the point where a question might be asked.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, according to the report that I have, 20 persons are charged in this case. Ten of those persons are charged with conspiracy to import narcotics and conspiracy to possess narcotics for the purpose of trafficking, and the remaining ten with conspiracy to possess a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking. I have many other details. It is a long report, but generally speaking that is the situation at the present time.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, the ship has now been released and my latest information is that she left port last evening.

**Mr. Allmand:** According to the information I have here the two vessels utilized in this operation have been detained under seizure, but something could have happened between the time of seizure and this morning.

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## AGRICULTURE

INDUSTRIAL MILK—REASON FOR DELAY IN RECEIPT OF  
SUBSIDY CHEQUES

**Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Earlier in the week I asked the minister what were the reasons for the delay in sending the federal subsidy to milk producers. Receipt of the subsidy has been some three weeks late. At that time he was unaware of the situation. Can he tell the House now whether the cheques have at least been deposited with the Post Office, and the reason for the delay?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** The reason for the delay, Mr. Speaker, is that they use computers in the department, and because of the change made by the government in increasing the payment to the farmers the adjustment to the computers took three weeks. I have been given to understand that all producers should receive their cheques by today. Most of them should have received their cheques by Tuesday or Wednesday of the past week,

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and the remaining group will have theirs today or Monday.

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## AIRPORTS

LONDON, ONTARIO—REASON FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY  
MEMBER OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR RUNWAY  
CONSTRUCTION

**Mr. William C. Frank (Middlesex):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Can he explain to the House why the public announcement of the firm awarded the runway construction contract for the London airport was first made two weeks after work was started and that I, as the member representing the riding, was not notified, particularly since I had previously asked the department for this information?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I will inquire into the details and answer the hon. member.

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## TRANSPORT

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY FOR  
WESTERN PROVINCES AT WESTERN ECONOMIC  
CONFERENCE

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that transportation is vital to the economic well being of the two landlocked provinces of Canada, Alberta and Saskatchewan, could the minister tell the House whether or not he will be attending the western premiers conference, and if so will he at that time be making a statement with regard to a new government transportation policy for the benefit of western provinces?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I will attend the conference, and if the hon. gentleman will follow the workings of the conference he will know what I will be doing there.

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## HEALTH AND WELFARE

RENTAL OF OFFICE ON ARGYLE ST., OTTAWA—POSSIBLE  
INQUIRY BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—REQUEST  
FOR REPORT

**Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might be permitted to address the question I asked yesterday of the President of the Privy Council to the Minister of Public Works. Has he caused an investigation to be made into the circumstances leading up to the rental of property on Argyle Street, Ottawa, by the Department of National Health and Welfare and, if so, is a report of that investigation available to be tabled in the House?