

HEALTH AND WELFARE

ROYAL COMMISSION—INQUIRY AS TO REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): May I ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether he is in a position to advise the house whether the royal commission inquiring into medical care insurance will report to the government before the dissolution of parliament.

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I am not in a position to say.

UNITED NATIONS

ANGOLA—REFERENCE TO CURRENT SITUATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Hubert Badanai (Fort William): I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It has been reported that a reign of terror is being conducted in the northern borders of Angola by Portuguese troops against pastors, deacons and known Protestant Christians—

Mr. Speaker: Order. While the hon. member is dealing with a matter of international interest, I think he is getting beyond the scope of any of the ministers of this government.

Mr. Badanai: Speaking on a point of order, sir, I beg to submit that I merely wished to ask the minister whether he is aware of this fact and whether a protest has been made on behalf of Canada against the atrocities.

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. gentleman will refer to the precedents, I think he will find that while external affairs may be proper subjects for inquiry by oral questions before the orders of the day, the details of what goes on in various foreign countries could not very readily be handled in this way.

AIRPORTS

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—CONSTRUCTION OF TERMINAL BUILDING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. E. Nixon (Algoma West): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he is in a position to say when a start will be made on a permanent terminal at the Sault Ste. Marie airport and whether any consideration has been given to starting this project as a winter works program.

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): I will be in a position to answer that question on Monday or Tuesday.

Inquiries of the Ministry

WINDSOR—ENLARGEMENT OF RUNWAY FOR C.P.A. FLIGHTS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): In view of the announcement of Canadian Pacific Airlines that it is going to have a run from Windsor to Mexico, can the minister say whether the Department of Transport proposes to enlarge the runway in order to take care of the aircraft in question?

Hon. Leon Balcer (Minister of Transport): The Department of Transport is doing an extremely efficient job in keeping all our airports right up to date and well prepared to receive all the necessary transports.

IMMIGRATION

ACTION RESPECTING ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN CHINESE IMMIGRATION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonaville-Twillin-gate): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration if the government has abandoned the investigation into the alleged irregularities in Chinese immigration?

Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think that question might more properly be directed to the Minister of Justice because the responsibility of my department is now the regularization of the status of those persons who make voluntary statements and apply for adjustment of their status.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I am most happy to direct the question to the Minister of Justice.

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): I am afraid the hon. member will have to repeat it if he wants an answer.

Mr. Pickersgill: For the benefit of the Minister of Justice I will repeat the question, sir. The question was, has the government abandoned the investigation that was being conducted into the alleged irregularities in Chinese immigration into this country?

Mr. Fulton: The answer, Mr. Speaker, is no.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. RODRIGUE BOURDAGES AND SECONDED BY MR. J. F. BROWNE

The house proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.