

country, and we intend to remain that way. On this particular question, the responses by the Canadian and American Governments have been the same, because the fact is there is no relation between SDI and the North Warning System. That is well known. That has been established. I personally do not understand why the Hon. Member, representing a constituency that relies, as it does, upon good relations with the United States of America, would go out of his way to try to sour relations between his country and the United States.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO PARLIAMENT

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, we can certainly understand why the Member is no longer Prime Minister of Canada.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Speaker: My goodness, it is only Monday. Question, please.

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, considering that many Americans have said that there is such a linkage, and considering that the Government of Canada says there is no such linkage, will the Secretary of State for External Affairs do the honourable thing, produce the evidence by bringing any proposed agreement before the House of Commons so that people in this House and the people of Canada can actually see the agreement and make up their own minds?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons why I am no longer Prime Minister is that the Hon. Member for Oshawa, as Leader of the New Democratic Party, did what he always does when he has to face a tough decision. He runs and joins the Liberal Party.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Joe, Joe!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, Perhaps the House will now let the Minister answer.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the question of the evidence being brought before a parliamentary committee, I remind the Leader of the New Democratic Party that I took the initiative which had not been taken by his friends and *copains*, the Liberal Party, for years, to put the North Warning System before a parliamentary committee. Members of his Party were there. Instead of asking questions of this kind, they asked about power generators in the north.

Oral Questions

● (1450)

PETRO-CANADA

SALE OF COME-BY-CHANCE OIL REFINERY

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the Minister of State for Mines, my question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board. The President of the Treasury Board should know that, following an invitation to tender in January, 1985, six companies have posted \$10,000 bonds to bid on the Come-by-Chance oil refinery. That invitation to tender has been submitted by Petro-Canada. Three of the companies that posted bands are in the business of dismantling refineries, and three are themselves refiners. Will the Minister confirm that Petro-Canada is in the final stages of concluding a deal with one of those six companies to dismantle the refinery and ship it out of Newfoundland?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I will be very happy to take this question under notice and make sure that an answer is given.

REQUEST THAT SALE BE HALTED

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister also take the following under notice and pass it along to his Cabinet colleagues? In view of the fact that there has never been a study done to determine the viability of that operation in Newfoundland, and in view of the fact that Clause 54 will wipe out Newfoundland's opportunity to have a petrochemical industry forever if that refinery closes, will the Minister and the Government agree to instruct Petro-Canada to freeze the sale of that Come-By-Chance oil refinery until such time as a viability or feasibility study has been carried out?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, again I will be happy to take the question under notice. As for the premises and hypotheses that are being tossed around, I will leave them up in the air. I will make sure that the Hon. Member gets an appropriate answer to the question.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

ACID RAIN—CANADA-UNITED STATES DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The Secretary of State will recall that last week I asked the Prime Minister what he would be asking of President Reagan with respect to action on acid rain, and that at that time the Prime Minister refused to say what he would be saying to Mr. Reagan in this regard. In view of the action