

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member for Edmonton Centre might be allowed to ask a supplementary question. I had the impression that in his reply the minister to some extent was replying to an earlier question asked by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre. Perhaps he might be allowed to ask a supplementary, even though I said that his question ought to be placed on the order paper or asked at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, by way of a supplementary question, if the minister has any more chewing gum, will he please pass it up this way?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I must remind hon. members that we are running out of time. Many hon. members are still anxious to ask questions. Perhaps we should not have too many supplementaries.

[*Translation*]

NATIONAL CAPITAL

DISCUSSIONS TO CHANGE CAPITAL'S IMAGE

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Following publication of a document requested by the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, pointing out that the Ottawa municipal administration has considered language and culture issues from an essentially provincial standpoint, would the Prime Minister tell the house whether or not he intends to have talks with municipal officers in order to change the federal capital's tarnished image?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have already entered into discussions with Quebec and Ontario provincial authorities and we reached an agreement to the effect that the whole capital area should truly mirror Canada's distinctive features, but needless to say we must proceed through provincial governments since municipalities come essentially under their jurisdiction.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Will he at last agree that a clean-up is required at all levels of the C.B.C., and tell

us that he is prepared to do his utmost so that the C.B.C. will no longer be used as a medium for separatist propaganda?

[*English*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR TELESAT OPERATION

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State supplementary to that asked by the hon. member for Peace River. Will the request of the C.B.C. for an additional \$43 million to build facilities necessary to enable it to use Telesat Canada be subject to review, or is the government firmly committed to provide these funds?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I stated a moment ago, in answer to another question, that the policy concerning the C.B.C. and its budget for the next five years is not yet drawn up, in spite of rumours which may have appeared in the press in that connection.

[*English*]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

CANADAIR LIMITED, MONTREAL—LAY-OFF OF EMPLOYEES

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands asked me about notice given to employees being laid off by Canadair Limited, particularly because some of this company's work is under contract with the government.

The government is, of course, concerned about the fair treatment of all employees who work in plants with which the government has contracts. Our contract with Canadair requires that the company "shall comply with all labour conditions and with all health conditions and requirements applicable to the work". However, specific and detailed matters such as length of notice, or pay in lieu of notice, are matters of negotiation and agreement between the company and the local unit of the union and do not form part of the government's contract with the company.

I have been advised by Canadair Limited that all employees who were laid off received