

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

there is a secret agreement now between Canada and the United States in respect of petroleum, and is the government prepared to make a definite statement in respect of any agreement now in existence between the two governments?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that this question has been asked a few times and that the answer has been given by other ministers. There is no secret agreement. The present agreement between the United States and Canada has been in existence for some years. There is no secret agreement which has been added to that.

**Mr. Woolliams:** I take it the Prime Minister means the agreement that was secret in 1967 is the one that is still in existence. Did he have a discussion with the Premier of Alberta in relation to the petroleum industry and exports, and did he have discussions with any officials of the petroleum industry?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I did meet with the Premier of Alberta and his officials. I travelled with those officials and with people associated with the petroleum industry. Of course we discussed various aspects of this industry.

**Mr. Woolliams:** When the Prime Minister had discussions with the Premier of Alberta on aspects of the petroleum industry, did he have any discussion and were facts divulged which would indicate there will be an increase in exports in view of the development taking place in the north and elsewhere in western Canada?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, there were discussions regarding the question of increasing exports. This did not involve the matter of reaching an agreement between the premier and myself. It did involve knowing what agreement we might reach on exports and imports with the United States, and under what conditions this would be advantageous to the oil or petroleum industry. This matter was discussed, but no agreement, secret or otherwise, was reached between the premier and myself.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****ALLEGED TESTING OF NERVE GASES BY UNITED STATES—CANADIAN POSITION**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs

whether he is concerned in any way about the alleged try-out of nerve gases by the United States on Okinawa or one of the Pacific islands, or does he regard this as purely a matter of concern to the United States?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure all the people of the world are concerned about the use of these biological or chemical forms of warfare. Certainly it is the policy of the Canadian government to do everything possible to eliminate their use.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, is the Secretary of State for External Affairs engaged in any discussions or does he propose to engage in any discussions with United States authorities about this matter?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, we have been engaged in discussions with the United States and other countries during the disarmament talks in an attempt to reach an agreement to eliminate these forms of warfare. We have not been specifically in touch with the United States about the incident on Okinawa, but we are generally concerned about activities in this field by all countries, including the United States.

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister whether or not the proposal for eliminating this kind of warfare which was placed before the disarmament conference in Geneva, I think by Great Britain, has come up for discussion there and what the position of our representative has been? If it has not yet come up for discussion, what will be the position of our representative, and is the government taking any initiative to push that proposal for early discussion and decision?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, this matter is of such importance I should like to be able to give a precise answer. I will take the question as notice.

**MAINLAND CHINA—DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION —POSITION RESPECTING TWO CHINAS**

**Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, in view of continuing, speculative press reports concerning the talks now taking place in Stockholm between representatives of the government of Canada and the government of Mainland China, will the Secretary of State for External Affairs clarify his statement made on July 16, and will he assure the house that as far as Canada is concerned there will be no breakdown of