

*Oral Questions*

Brandywine area subdivision, and not in other parts of Canada.

**Mr. Lamontagne:** Mr. Speaker, it is not a question of house delivery; it is a question of principle. I am trying as much as possible to follow some of the advice given by the opposition when they say we spend too much. We have a deficit of \$600 million in the Post Office, and we are trying to reduce that deficit and still maintain the best service we can with the least possible money.

**Mr. Jones:** Mr. Speaker, I still ask the minister why he would pick one area in central Canada and not do the same thing in the maritime provinces, where employment is needed and where this service is required.

**Mr. Lamontagne:** I would like to mention to the hon. member for Moncton that I am sorry about the inconvenience and nuisance in Moncton. But it is also happening in Scarborough, Toronto, Windsor and other places.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO CURB POWER EXERCISED BY  
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS**

**Mr. Paul E. McRae (Fort William):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It involves Inco, Falconbridge, Sun Life and branch plants of other global corporations, and given the kind of information proffered by the United States Senate finance committee, that these corporations control about twice the liquid assets of all the nation states in which they function, what initiatives is this government taking, along with other governments, at the OECD, UNCTAD and the IMF, to try to right the balance of power that exists between global corporations and nation states?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am by no means certain that I can provide a thorough answer to the question asked in the length of time you would permit. I think the hon. member knows that there are a number of studies under way at the OECD with regard to the conduct and the impact of multinational corporations. Also, the Prime Minister, along with the other leaders, at the London summit in May of last year agreed to further studies with regard to the conduct of other nationals. Perhaps I can serve the hon. member best by giving him a detailed, written, comprehensive report.

**DISINTEGRATION OF SOVIET SATELLITE OVER CANADIAN  
SOIL—LIABILITY FOR SEARCH AND RECOVERY COSTS**

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. On January 30, in reply to a question of mine concerning the cost of recovery of the Russian satellite, the Minister of National Defence replied, in part, "the international regime will meet its

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responsibilities as was indicated to the Department of External Affairs by the Soviet ambassador". Does that mean Russia has given us formal assurances that it will pay all search and recovery costs and, if not, what does that remark mean?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I was not in the House when that remark was made. I would like to look at it in detail. I can tell the hon. member in general terms, of course, that yesterday—I believe he is familiar with this fact—I tabled in the House notes which we had sent to the Soviet embassy as well as to the Secretary General of the United Nations. Each one of these notes was designed to establish the fact that we were now satisfied that the debris was, in fact, part of the Soviet satellite.

This was an initial, and necessary, first step under international rules in order to lay the groundwork for a possible claim. So far—I believe the hon. member is also aware of this—the Soviets have not acknowledged specifically that the debris found in Canada is, indeed, part of their satellite. There will have to be an acknowledgement, first of all, on their part before the next phase can take place.

**Mr. McKinnon:** Mr. Speaker, I agree with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and only yesterday, at long last, I read the note which he sent to Russia. This note was sent in accordance with article V, paragraph 1, of the treaty. It is now obvious that we have not recovered the core of the nuclear reactor. Can the minister give us any assurance that Russia will not claim that our failure to request assistance under paragraph 4 extended unduly the time and cost of recovery operations? In other words, I suggest that if the U.S.S.R. looks at the list of recovered items and decides they are worthless, we will be stuck with meeting the entire cost of the search and recovery operations.

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, the latter part of the question is, of course, a conclusion to which I can neither agree nor disagree at the moment, not having heard from the Soviets. But I repeat, that I believe we have taken all the steps which we can take at this particular time, and we have taken the necessary first step. These were to indicate to the Soviet Union, unmistakably, that we believe the debris concerned in this case belongs to the Soviet satellite. The next steps will be through the United Nations mechanisms to which the hon. member made reference. I am going to the United Nations tomorrow and I am sure I will have an opportunity to discuss this matter with Mr. Waldheim on the weekend and to clarify more fully what procedures should be followed from this point.

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**INDIAN AFFAIRS****INVESTIGATION INTO CONDUCT OF INDIAN ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICIALS**

**Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern De-