

Inquiries of the Ministry

Renault and Peugeot plants at St. Bruno, in the province of Quebec? Does the selection of this site meet with the wishes of the federal Minister of Industry?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I think it rests with the General Investment Corporation to make such a statement.

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PUBLIC SERVICEREPORT OF COMMITTEE RESPECTING
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. Has the right hon. gentleman anything further to say to the house with regard to civil service collective bargaining? On May 14 he told us he did not think the committee dealing with this matter would be able to make a report until the autumn. Now that autumn has turned to winter, has the Prime Minister anything to tell the house?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I have nothing to say at the moment, but I will be glad to look into the matter and see whether I can say something useful on this subject next week.

HOUSE OF COMMONSABSENCE OF CREDITISTE MEMBERS DURING
VOTE

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to put a question, but to raise a point of privilege.

In today's *Le Devoir*, we may read:

Last night, a vote was taken in the house...

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An hon. Member: You were not here last night.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette:

—with regard to deferring legislation to a joint committee of both houses.

If you will listen to me you will understand why.

The article says:

No member of the Ralliement Créditiste was in the house when the vote was taken.

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Some hon. Members: Order, order.

[Mr. Rondeau.]

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: I do not think this is a matter for shouting "Order, order."

I suggest that we should give an explanation because this newspaper wants and tends to inform the people. Well, Mr. Speaker, yesterday we were in the house, and in the afternoon I stated that we objected to the distribution of poverty in Canada. That is why the members of the Ralliement Créditiste were not in the house when the vote was taken last night at 5.45.

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SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. La-moureux in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. Administration, operation and maintenance including payment of remuneration, subject to the approval of the governor in council and notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, in connection with the assignment by the Canadian government of Canadians to the staffs of the international organizations detailed in the estimates (part recoverable from those organizations) and authority to make recoverable advances in amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the amounts of the shares of those organizations of such expenses, and authority, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, for the appointment and fixing of salaries of commissioners (international commissions for supervision and control in Indochina), secretaries and staff by the governor in council; official hospitality; relief and repatriation of distressed Canadian citizens abroad and their dependents and reimbursement of the United Kingdom for relief expenditures incurred by its diplomatic and consular posts on Canadian account (part recoverable); Canadian representation at international conferences; expenses of the third commonwealth education conference; a cultural relations and academic exchange program with the French community, and grants as detailed in the estimates, \$10,826,300.

Mr. Nesbitt: I rather thought the Secretary of State for External Affairs would have a statement to make on the first item of his estimates. Perhaps the hon. gentleman could let us know whether he intends to make a statement at the present time.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): As the hon. member knows, the committee has already spent a full day discussing the estimates of the Department of External Affairs. I see the hon. member for Edmonton West in his place, and I am prepared to deal with the question he raised the other day. Perhaps he wishes to put some further questions in connection with that matter.

Mr. Nesbitt: It was my understanding the other day that the minister intended to make a statement to the committee; he indicated this