

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Brewin:** Mr. Speaker, I was about to explain that I understood the Secretary of State for External Affairs would be delayed and I was going to address this question to the Prime Minister, but I see that the Secretary of State for External Affairs is now here. I have no doubt that he will find no difficulty in answering my question even though he did not receive the notice.

• (1442)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure the hon. member would make it easier for the minister and for all of us if he would put the question.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** Ten o'clock.

**Mr. Brewin:** In light of the recent recognition by the United States of the People's Republic of China, and the reaction of the government of Taiwan and the statement made by the government of Taiwan that they will work to conquer communist tyrannical rule and its aggressive policy and never give up the sacred task of recovering the mainland, and in light of the fact that Canada supplied some time ago a research reactor which could be used for the purpose of producing a nuclear weapon will the minister make a statement of the situation with Taiwan and nuclear weapons and undertake, if there is anything that Canada can do, to take steps to ensure that Canadian reactors and Canadian materials be not used by Taiwan for building up a nuclear weapon capability?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Jamieson:** In order to give the hon. member a full answer, because of his unfailing courtesy—he has, indeed, given written notice of this question and my officials have looked into it—let me tell him that in 1969 we did sell a 40 megawatt nuclear research reactor, a small research reactor, and it has been under IAEA supervision and control ever since the ending of diplomatic relations between Canada and Taiwan.

We have made inquiries in the last 48 hours and my information is that there is nothing to suggest that that particular reactor will not continue to be under IAEA control. We are making further inquiries and I hope to give an additional answer later.

#### SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS TO ARGENTINA

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, this question also deals with nuclear reactors, but it has to do with the Argentine. The minister made a statement on December 14 to the effect that a quoted spokesman there was not a spokesman for the Argentine government on the matter, and that what they were doing in the Argentine was merely some kind of experimental arrangement.

[Mr. Brewin.]

It appears now that this gentleman, Admiral Madero, is in fact the president of the national atomic energy commission of the Argentine and that the tape, which is held by the *Washington Post*, indicates that he said they were going to produce a nuclear weapon and that, indeed, it will help to balance their arms race with Brazil.

Will the minister check the facts again, in view of this information, and take the necessary action to ensure that Canada will not co-operate in a venture which would be a threat to the peace and stability of South America?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Since the hon. member, as well as the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham, have asked me about this matter in the past, in so far as Canada is concerned I think it might be as well for me to read specifically what the situation is. It is quite short, if hon. members do not mind.

It states, first, that article V of the agreement between Canada and Argentina is specific in stating that all equipment, material, nuclear material and facilities subject to the agreement shall be used for peaceful purposes only and shall not be used for the development, manufacture or detonation of any nuclear explosive device; second, that the Argentinians may not reprocess any material subject to the agreement without seeking Canada's agreement; and third, in the event of non-compliance, Canada may suspend co-operation and may request that Argentina immediately cease to use any Canadian supplies.

In so far as the gentleman who was quoted is concerned, and the question as to whether or not he is the specific spokesman for the government, this is still a matter on which there is some difference of view, although it does appear that he is certainly working for the government in that sense of the word, but whether he is a spokesman for the government of Argentina, per se, and Argentina has endorsed his statements, we have still not determined officially.

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#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

##### INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION BEFORE CLYNE COMMITTEE

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Communications, but first I would like to welcome her back from Florida. Since we are now back from space and down to earth, may I ask her this question with regard to the Clyne committee, or commission, the establishment of which she announced on November 30.

To eliminate the increasing suspicion that the Clyne committee will just rubber-stamp the Gamma report written by one of the committee members, Mr. Alphonse Ouimet, and the report of the CRAB which was chaired by Mr. Ouimet, has the minister reconsidered her position so that at least some publicity and public ventilation be given to representatives of industry who would like to give briefs before that committee in