

Inquiries of the Ministry

that time was responsible for anti-pollution measures, and received the same kind of answer, will the minister take it upon himself to see that some action is taken now so that we will not have massive pollution of our rivers continuing year after year without anything being done by this government?

Mr. Davis: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Will the minister get up early some morning and take a walk with the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings and view this mess personally?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: I would be very pleased indeed.

Mr. Jerome: That's no way to talk about George. He is not that big a mess.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**RELIEF OF REFUGEES FROM EAST PAKISTAN—CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION THROUGH UNITED NATIONS IN LIGHT OF REPORTED BRITISH OFFER**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): My question is addressed to the Acting Prime Minister. In light of reports that the United Kingdom is contemplating making a very substantial contribution—I think a figure of one million pounds sterling was mentioned—for the relief of refugees from East Pakistan through the United Nations, is the Canadian government considering or will it consider making a contribution of similar proportion through the same channels?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): We are now in receipt of information from the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees concerning the extent of the problem and we are beginning to receive general requests for assistance. This matter is under study and I hope to be in a position to make an announcement very soon.

MASSING OF TROOPS ON INDIA-PAKISTAN BORDER—CANADIAN ACTION THROUGH UNITED NATIONS TO AVERT CONFLICT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): In view of the fact that there has been a massing of troops on both sides of the border between India and Pakistan and bearing in mind the explosive situation which exists there, will the Canadian government invoke the good offices of the United Nations to seek a mutual withdrawal which would minimize the danger of conflict in that area?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): I do not know whether that would be the most effective means of achieving a purpose, with which we all agree, but we are doing everything we can to avoid an exacerbation of the situation and to avoid a conflict which I agree with the hon. member would be a most tragic affair.

[Mr. Hees.]

HOUSING**DECISION RESPECTING ROCHDALE COLLEGE, TORONTO**

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): My question is for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing and it concerns the CMHC mortgage on Rochdale College in Toronto. Would the minister tell us whether he has made a decision as to the disposition of the Rochdale situation?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): When that decision is made I will announce it in the House. It is not available at this moment.

Mr. Scott: Since the minister has given this answer repeatedly for the last six weeks or two months, I give notice I shall raise the matter at the time of the adjournment.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**FOREIGN OWNERSHIP—AVAILABILITY OF WHITE PAPER IN CONJUNCTION WITH BUDGET**

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): My question is for the Minister of National Revenue. In consideration of the particular necessity at this time for the government to make known its policies on all matters affecting investment in Canada, especially foreign investment, will the minister assure the House that the priority of the white paper on foreign ownership will be upgraded so that it may be available at the same time as the budget is presented next month?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): I am not in a position to give any such assurance.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MINT**INQUIRY AS TO RELOCATION IN WINNIPEG**

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): My question is for the Minister of Supply and Services. Are negotiations taking place to relocate the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg and, if so, what is the present position of those negotiations?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me this question was asked yesterday.

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TRADE**REPORTED REPRESENTATIONS BY UNITED STATES CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF BEEF EXPORTS FROM CANADA**

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): May I direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of news reports that the United States Department of Agriculture is planning to make representations to Canada with regard to Canada's rising exports of beef to that country, and the concern of the United States that some of the beef may have come from third countries, can the minister tell the House whether