

work on this matter during the summer so that it can observe the difficulties and assist the department in coming forward with a more constructive program?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have to do that. We expect that the Manpower and Immigration Advisory Council will be able to offer very useful advice, and we do have under consideration within the department and the government further programs that may be possible in future years, but that are not appropriate at the immediate moment.

### STUDENT LOANS

#### EXPANSION OF PROGRAM TO COMPENSATE FOR LACK OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** May I address this question to the Prime Minister? In view of the possibility that many young Canadians may not be able to resume their studies this fall because of the employment situation this summer, will the government in co-operation with the provinces consider expanding its student loan program? Will it also consider reviving the idea of student scholarships that was promulgated by his predecessor some years ago?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance has dealt with this question at various times. I think it might more properly be asked of him, but in a holding way I might say his answer has generally been that we have in the past increased the amount available through loans, so that the amounts available were always sufficient to cover the demands made through the provincial governments to the federal government.

### OIL

#### PRESENTATION OF CANADIAN VIEWS TO U.S. TASK FORCE

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the large and notable list of ministerial truants I am driven to ask the Prime Minister whether the government has filed its views with the task force appointed by the President of the United States with relation to gas and oil imports into that country and, if so, in view of the fact that these submissions will be available for inspection by people in the United States will the Prime Minister agree to table the contents of the submissions made by the government, or at least make them public?

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Lang) from Saskatchewan, who normally would answer for these affairs, is not a truant. He is not expected in the house today; he is expected in the house tomorrow. Perhaps the question could be asked of him then.

### CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY

#### POSITION RESPECTING ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO, CONTINENTAL SHELF AND INTER-ISLAND WATERS

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister's attention. Some time ago he indicated he would be making a statement in the house with regard to the Canadian government's position on our sovereignty over Arctic waters surrounding the islands in the north. May we expect this before the recess, or will the Prime Minister stall long enough so that the house will not be in session when he makes an announcement?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if I stall, it will be until the house is in session again, and that might be some time.

### TRADE

#### WHEAT—RETENTION BY CANADA OF TRADITIONAL MARKETS

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. As the admission of Britain into the European Common Market will mean that certain exporting countries will be selling grain in a protected market, has the government developed policies to retain and regain Canada's traditional markets? I am thinking in particular of our market in Britain, and of our loss of sales to China because of sales that were negotiated by France?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce obviously have an interest in what would happen if the United Kingdom made application and were accepted into the common market, but it would be impossible to give any details about this matter in answer to a hypothetical question such as this.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I shall ask the minister a supplementary question, and maybe the Prime Minister would like to