

and completed just three weeks ago at Vandenberg satellite launching base under the title of Isis II, at which both the minister and I were present, will he now give the assurance to the Canadian industry that it will be given the opportunity to continue its achievements in building the communications technology satellite?

Mr. Kierans: No one in Canada has any doubt at all about the technological capacity of the Canadian industry, especially in the field of satellites. The problem would then become one of the economic and marketing risks of constructing whole satellite systems, and those are economic decisions that can only be taken at the particular time and in the particular circumstances.

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FISHERIES

SWORDFISH—ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN BECAUSE OF POLLUTION

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): I had a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, who was in the House but who has now left the chamber. In his absence, I will direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of the serious economic problems that are faced by swordfishermen in Atlantic Canada as a result of the arbitrary regulation concerning the mercury content in swordfish, has the government developed a program to date which will be helpful to the fishermen formerly involved in this industry?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will take notice of the question, Mr. Speaker.

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HOUSING

TORONTO—FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN METRO CENTRE COMPLEX

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister without Portfolio responsible for housing and urban affairs. Is the government participating in the planning, financing or intended occupation of the CNR-CPR complex known as Metro Centre in Toronto at the present time?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): We have had no formal discussions with or approaches by the people more directly involved in that project and consequently there is no direct financial involvement through that medium at this time.

Mr. Ryan: Is future participation expected?

Mr. Andras: We have had no proposals, so I would have difficulty in responding to that either positively or negatively. We will listen to any proposals they make within the areas where we have authority.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

SUGGESTED VISIT TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. Having in mind his scheduled trip to the Soviet Union and also Canada's improving trade and other relations with the People's Republic of China, would he give consideration to visiting the latter country as well as the former?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I apologize for missing the first part of the question but, so far as I understood it, I wish to say I am not giving consideration at the present time to travelling to any countries in an official way beyond next month's planned trip to the Soviet Union.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REDUCTION OF ALLOCATIONS TO INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS TO COVER MORE PROGRAMS

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of state. Since it appears likely that many of the excellent and worth-while applications for grants under the Opportunities for Youth program may be approved in principle but ultimately rejected for lack of funds, will his department given consideration to trimming the financial allocation to individual projects so that the \$15 million can be spread out to cover a larger number of student programs?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am not only prepared to consider such a proposal, but that is the spirit in which we are working and in which we select projects, except for some whose scope and very nature demand a given dimension and which cannot readily be subdivided. Clearly, we want to give the greatest possible number of groups the opportunity of undertaking projects.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP—INQUIRY AS TO STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of National Revenue when we can expect a definitive statement on the government's foreign ownership policy. Also, in the course of his review has he investigated the operations of international unions within Canada, and particularly the allegation that the labour movement in the United States has milked Canadian workers of \$80 million during the last seven years?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the first part of the hon. mem-