

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I understand that this matter is before the committee on procedure. My hon. friend is a member of that committee, and may therefore be able to make progress in it. When a report from the committee comes to the house it will be submitted to the Speaker.

INDUSTRY

REMOVAL FROM CANADA OF HEAD OFFICES OF LARGE COMPANIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Industry. In view of the proposed move of the head office of Massey-Ferguson from Toronto to Des Moines, Iowa, and in view of the consequent deleterious effect of this move on the Canadian economy, has the government any plans to forestall similar action on the part of other important industrial concerns which in view of the present economic climate in Canada may regard such a move as advantageous?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. In view of the announced symbolic walk this Saturday, led by His Excellency the Governor General and members of the government, from Rideau Hall to parliament hill, does this participation by the government indicate that there will be no further reduction in Canada's external aid program?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, recently the Minister of Justice established a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Carl Goldenberg to study constitutional arrangements. It seems this committee is willing to hear opinions from the public.

My question to the Minister of Justice is the following: Has the said committee received an opinion from the member for

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Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill) on whether he supports the concept of two nations?

[English]

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Churchill: I do not approve of republicans like you.

HOUSING

STEPS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE CAPITAL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Can the minister say whether the government is giving consideration to the possible necessity of other measures being employed to divert private capital into housing?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me this matter was considered at length yesterday and the day before. I do not think the question in that form can be asked today.

Mr. Chatterton: With respect, Mr. Speaker, the information leading to this question has come to me since the debate finished yesterday. Perhaps the minister is ready to reply.

[Later:]

Mr. Chatterton: Mr. Speaker, may I reword my question to the Minister of Finance? Is the minister in a position to inform the house whether the government is giving consideration to measures to force the private sector to make money available to the housing industry, as was indicated last Sunday in Vancouver by the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, within the last few weeks and months the government and some of its agencies have been in touch with various lending companies, including chartered banks, encouraging them to play a full part in the financing of mortgages on homes.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

OBSERVANCE OF NATIONALIST CHINA DAY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, my question arises out of the Prime Minister's answer to a question yesterday regarding the cancellation of the visit by Nationalist China premier, C. K.