

Inquiries of the Ministry

Secretary of State for External Affairs concerning the press conference referred to by my hon. friend from Fundy-Royal. Does the minister happen to have an uncensored transcript of the press conference so that we might know what remarks were deemed dangerous?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the Canadian press reporters who were present reported my comments, I think, fairly well in full. If the hon. member reads their reports, he will find what I did say.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**DAIRYING—INQUIRY AS TO REDUCED GRANTS**

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

According to some report heard at noon, the Department of Agriculture intends to reduce by several millions of dollars subsidies to dairy producers. Could the minister confirm or deny such report?

Mr. Speaker: Unfortunately, the question as worded is unacceptable.

[English]

CANADA PENSION PLAN**EXEMPTION OF OLD ORDER MENNONITES**

Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo): I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It concerns the granting of exemptions to the Old Order Mennonites. Has this matter gone before the cabinet and what is the cabinet's decision on the granting of such exemption?

Mr. Speaker: The question as asked is not in order.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**NEW BRUNSWICK—INQUIRY AS TO GROWTH CENTRES**

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, of which I have given him notice. It is in connection with meetings held in New Brunswick. Has the minister decided that there will be five growth centres in that province and, if so, when will the areas be officially announced? Can he supply any other information on that subject?

[Mr. Macquarrie.]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): No, I cannot supply any information at this stage. Shortly, we will be in a position to announce where the growth centres will be, but this has not yet been agreed upon by the provincial governments and the federal cabinet.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister make a statement to the House once the government has decided on the growth centres in the Atlantic provinces?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I do not know whether I will make a statement in the House, but I will certainly make a public statement. I do not mind telling the House where the growth centres will be when a decision has been reached.

An hon. Member: Thank you very much.

FUTURE OF FAIREY OF CANADA PLANT

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): I have a related question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Can he say whether or not his departmental officials have made any progress in the last week or so toward providing assistance to ensure the future of Fairey Aviation of Canada?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I am afraid I cannot answer this question.

POLLUTION**INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES—PLANS TO MEET PROBLEM**

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the increasing apprehension and warnings from scientists everywhere of the danger to our environment through the pollution of the atmosphere by the use of our present internal combustion engines, has his department or any department of the government initiated any investigation, research or discussion on plans to meet this increasingly serious problem?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I am not aware precisely of how much research has been done by the government or by my department, but I do know that many discussions have taken place between various specialists in this field and specialists in my department.