

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as I just said in answer to the hon. member for Charlevoix, the Canadian government's position of being on good relations with the three main powers involved is well known. I do not think that at this stage a suggestion such as that made by the hon. member would be constructive. Indeed, I do not think it would result in anything precise until we know whether the President of the United States will go to the meeting in Moscow, as he is scheduled to do, and what type of exchange will take place there. In other words, it is less than two weeks before that meeting is to take place, and I suggest that if this kind of idea is to be discussed at all it would be better to discuss it at that level than in this House or through any representations of this government.

## VIET NAM WAR—SUGGESTED RAISING OF SITUATION IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** My supplementary question is for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the severity of the situation I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether or not he would consider approaching the parties concerned and having them raise the question in the Security Council of the United Nations?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I can only repeat the answer I gave to the hon. member for Charlevoix.

## VIET NAM WAR—INSTRUCTIONS TO CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION—ASSISTANCE TO CANADIANS

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is with respect to Canada's participation on the International Control Commission. Can the Prime Minister indicate to the House whether the government has instructed our representative to take any particular action in view of the drastically changed circumstances in Viet Nam, and can he indicate the nature of those instructions?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I am not aware of any such instructions, but I will gladly refer the question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** With regard to other Canadians working in aid projects in Viet Nam and the likelihood that these will be disrupted and perhaps be stopped altogether, can the Prime Minister indicate whether or not CIDA or the Department of External Affairs has been in contact with our people in Viet Nam to obtain an appreciation of their situation and any changes they may have to make?

**Mr. Trudeau:** If the hon. member is referring to their physical security, I believe arrangements have been made through the British embassy to ensure that any evacuation of Canadian personnel will be looked after with the help of the British embassy in Saigon.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We will attempt to return to this subject later. For the moment the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Témiscamingue.

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## FINANCE

## INQUIRY AS TO PAYMENT OF DEFICIT

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance?

It was announced in the budget speech last night that the deficit would amount to one billion dollars, and this deficit of course will require borrowing money to finance it.

Is the minister in a position to indicate if this money will be raised in the United States, if the government will float bond issues in Canada or if it will secure an interest-free loan from the Bank of Canada?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** There will be many procedures to follow, Mr. Speaker.

## PAYMENT OF NATIONAL DEBT

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Finance indicate why it was not specified in the budget speech last night how the government intends to act in order to settle the national debt? Does it propose to forget about it, to pay it up or to let it grow for ever?

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

It would appear that every time ministers or the Prime Minister are asked questions of a financial nature, it is difficult to obtain an answer. Would it be because ministers are incompetent and do not understand a thing about financial matters? At any rate, we seldom get an answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope the hon. member for Témiscamingue is not expecting me to answer this question from a procedural viewpoint.

[English]

## MEASURES TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR INVESTMENT BY CANADIANS IN COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** My question is for the Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker. In light of the fact that last week the government disclosed its limited policy with regard to foreign investment in Canada and since there was no mention of that matter in last night's budget, would the minister advise the House whether it is the government's intention to introduce other measures which will afford positive incentives to Canadians to invest in their own industries and businesses in Canada?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is quite familiar with the income tax legislation in this country. He is aware of such incentives as the dividend tax credit, small business incentives, pen-