

*Oral Questions***NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENCE**

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**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The Minister knows that in 1981 the Liberal Government removed from the NORAD Agreement the clause stating "This agreement will not involve in any way a Canadian commitment to participate in an active ballistic missile defence". This was on the grounds that it was no longer necessary.

In view of the most recent developments, in particular the implications of SDI for the ABM Treaty of 1972, can the Minister assure the House that this clause will be included in the Agreement that the Government plans to sign this weekend with the United States on the modernization of the DEW Line?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, that paragraph was deleted at the time because it was not relevant at the time. Nothing has happened to make it relevant. We do not propose to add irrelevant paragraphs.

**Ms. Jewett:** Then the Minister has not heard all the concerns discussed widely throughout the country about the possible implications of star wars for the ABM Treaty.

## CANADIAN POSITION

**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, if the Minister and the Government refuse to put the clause in, is he saying to the whole Canadian public that the door is open to Canadian participation in an active ballistic missile defence?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, what I am saying is that the Government of Canada supports the provisions of the ABM Treaty and intends to continue to do that. There is no need to add redundant language simply because members of the New Democratic Party and members of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons—

**Ms. Jewett:** It's the Canadian public.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**—knowing the facts, want not to pay attention to those facts, but instead want to abuse their public positions to sow fear in the country.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Jewett:** Don't be silly.

[Translation]

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**

DOMTAR—POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT PAYING INTEREST ON LOAN

**Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe):** Mr. Speaker, my question concerns Domtar and is, of course, directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion.

In the past few days, the Minister made it clear to the House that there was no question of the Government granting Domtar a direct subsidy of \$100 million.

However, the Hon. Member for Sherbrooke is telling people in the Eastern Townships that the Government is considering the possibility of paying the interest on a loan that would be contracted by Domtar.

Has this alternative actually been discussed with Domtar, and is the Government seriously considering it for this case?

[English]

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Hon. Member was not in the House at the time, so I would remind him that in response to another question I mentioned that I will be meeting with the Forestry Advisory Council early next week to discuss the needs and the projections that they see for their own forestry industry. It may be that out of those discussions there will be some type of universal program that we can identify that might be helpful as far as the federal Government is concerned.

If Domtar could fit within this context, of course we are quite willing to work out any arrangement that would be acceptable to Domtar.

As the Hon. Member knows, our Prime Minister and the Premier of Quebec have had discussions, and presumably those discussions will continue after the Prime Minister returns from Moscow.

In due course we may have something to announce with respect to Domtar. I want to assure the Hon. Member that the matter is under consideration but there is nothing of a particular nature to announce at this time.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

[Translation]

REFUSAL OF GRANT TO DOMTAR—REQUEST FOR REASONS

**Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe):** I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

When we say Domtar, everybody knows we are talking about fine paper, and as far as fine paper is concerned, there is more or less a balance between imports and exports, which is not the case for newsprint.

Could the Minister explain to the House why he is refusing to subsidize Domtar, which is in the business of making fine