

Mr. Sharp: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have made it quite clear on a number of occasions that we have a one-China policy now, and we will have a one-China policy in the future.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): You used to have a two-China policy.

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Does this mean that Canada will be asking the Taiwan ambassador to withdraw from Canada, and has he been informed of this clearly?

Mr. Sharp: Since we have a one-China policy we will recognize one government of China and we will not recognize two. I think that the ambassador from Taiwan, if we are successful in the negotiations, will recognize the facts.

[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AID IN REBUILDING OF GASPÉ HIGHWAY

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Public Works.

As Forillon park is located at the tip of the Gaspé peninsula, will the government share in the cost of restoring the Gaspé belt highway? Its present state does not allow full development of tourist resources and involves some risks as to traffic safety.

Has the federal government been asked for assistance by the Quebec government to finance restoration of this highway?

[English]

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, because of the agreements that have already been undertaken, I think that this is a question that might more properly be directed to my colleague, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Abitibi on a supplementary question.

Mr. Laprise: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion this time and ask him whether the Quebec government has asked the federal government to meet part of the cost restoring a belt highway in the Gaspé peninsula following the development of Forillon park.

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, negotia-

Inquiries of the Ministry

tions are still under way. In fact, we are entering new negotiations under the FRED program for the Lower St. Lawrence area. That matter will undoubtedly be brought up during the negotiations, but neither a decision nor a formal request has been made.

[English]

COMMUNICATIONS

TELESAT CANADA—BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SATELLITE

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Communications. Can the minister inform the House as to the status of the bidding between the American Hughes Aerospace Company and the RCA Corporation of Canada for the building of the communications satellite for Telesat Canada, and if any decision has been reached on this serious problem?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): There have been two bids, Mr. Speaker. There has been no decision.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. It is in connection with the problems faced by the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Secretary of State. Would he kindly inform the House whether there was any brainwashing during the noon-hour cabinet meeting?

Mr. MacInnis: There couldn't be. There are no brains.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INFLATION—POSITION OF PROVINCES ON SIX PER CENT WAGE INCREASE GUIDELINE

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, it is not only the weather that is hot and muggy. May I ask a question of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of the fact that several days ago the Prime Minister of the province of Quebec rejected the 6 per cent guideline for wage increases, and in view of the fact that the Premier of Ontario was reported yesterday in one of the Toronto evening papers as rejecting it as unworkable without price controls, would the minister inform the House whether the government or the Prices and Incomes Commission are