

to make its scientific, ecological and economic surveys so that we are prepared in this regard.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Battleford-Kindersley.

PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE—TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In his studies regarding a possible Mackenzie Valley pipeline, is the minister considering a Panarctic type of business vehicle for its installation and operation?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, we have not yet taken any such decision, since the matter is still under consideration.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

QUEBEC—INQUIRY RESPECTING INSPIRATION AND SUCCESS COMPANY

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Since hundreds of Quebecers have complained that they have lost money in the operations of the *Inspiration et Succès* company and since the Quebec government has advised the public not to invest in that chain system, can the minister tell the House whether he is investigating the matter?

[English]

Is the minister in a position to tell the House and the public whether his officials have any definite ideas on the chain system, from the consumer point of view?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with this particular company and will determine the facts from the Minister of Justice of Quebec in order to decide whether it would be appropriate to take action under some federal statute or authority. A number of pyramid-type schemes have been promoted lately, and better business bureaux and federal and provincial departments concerned with consumer affairs have warned those inexperienced in business not to invest money in them without first obtaining advice on what they are getting involved in because some of them do not show any return on an investment.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED AMCHITKA UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS—REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State

Inquiries of the Ministry

for External Affairs concerning the proposed nuclear tests at Amchitka which the House was told the government had protested last February. Can the minister advise whether the United States government has replied to that protest and, if so, can he indicate the nature of the reply?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as the House has been informed, we did send a note to the United States government and a reply has been received. I should like to consult the United States government, however, to determine whether they would be prepared to have their answer tabled. We have told the United States that we are prepared to table our note. If the hon. member could wait for a day or so, I shall consult the United States government and determine whether their reply can also be tabled.

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INDUSTRY

AIRCRAFT—PROVISION OF ORDERS FOR SHORT TAKE-OFF AND LANDING PLANES AS STIMULANT

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Supply and Services. What is government policy with regard to support for a short take-off and landing aircraft program in order to stimulate the Canadian aircraft industry and provide worldwide business for it?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, that policy does not come under the Department of Supply and Services.

Mr. MacLean: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it the intention of the government to give orders for this particular type of aircraft on behalf of any department of government in the near future?

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Speaker, the Department of Supply and Services makes purchases when requested by other government departments. We have no orders for aircraft for such a program at the present time.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL

POSSIBLE EXPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS FACING PARLIAMENT HILL

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question to the Prime Minister concerns reports to the effect that the government of Canada is giving consideration to the expropriation of blocks in uptown Ottawa with a view to assuring the maintenance of the majesty and grandeur of the Parliament buildings and Parliament Hill. Is the Prime Minister in a position to state whether this matter is under consideration and whether commendable forward steps in this direction are being considered?