

Inquiries of the Ministry

States in reference to Canadian oil markets, when can we expect a statement from the Prime Minister, preferably on motions, on Canada's position and what arrangements were made with the United States for a new policy to continue our markets?

Mr. Trudeau: I can only repeat what I said when I came back from Washington, that the President and I had agreed to have continuing meetings of officials on this subject. These meetings did take place on April 2 and then again on April 8. They have not reached any final decision on which we are in a position to answer. In due course I am sure the minister responsible, the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatchewan (Mr. Lang), will be making some statement on this matter.

Mr. Woolliams: As a supplementary question, is the Prime Minister prepared, on motions, to set out the Canadian position? There is nothing secretive about that. The house, the country, the petroleum industry and other industries would like to hear it.

Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Calgary South): Further to the comments the Prime Minister made in Calgary on Saturday evening, I would like to ask him if the discussions between officials of the Canadian and United States governments in Washington are not restricted to oil and gas policies, but are in fact covering the entire continental energy policy?

Mr. Trudeau: That is correct, Mr. Speaker. There have been other aspects of the energy field discussed at these meetings. Oil and gas were one, but uranium and coal were also discussed.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I just want to ask the Prime Minister whether the hon. member for Calgary South was revealing government policy when he said on Saturday that while the oil policy had not been revealed in Calgary it could be expected to be revealed by the Prime Minister when in the Maritimes?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**A.B.M. SYSTEM—REQUEST FOR FULL EXAMINATION BEFORE COMMITMENT**

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Would he consider repeating the assurance given by the government which preceded his, [Mr. Woolliams.]

that Canada would not become involved in participation in the deployment of an anti-ballistic missile system without the fullest opportunity for examination and discussion of the matter being given in this house and its committees?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, of course, Mr. Speaker. I would expect this question would be discussed in the house when we have our debate on foreign policy.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**REQUEST THAT REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Could the minister indicate now, in answer to the question I asked on April 2, whether the government would consider referring to the Public Accounts Committee the 1968 report of the Auditor General so that members of that committee could continue their fascinating and engrossing study which they launched recently?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): I would be glad to consider this and discuss it later this day.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**REPORTS OF AIR CANADA AND C.N.R. TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ed Schreyer (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the house leader whether he intends to proceed by way of notice of motion to refer the reports of Air Canada and Canadian National Railways to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): It was not my intention to do so. As the hon. member will recall, we sought to have them referred by consent of the house but consent was refused. With the legislative timetable we have I do not see how we could set aside a day for that purpose.

CANADIAN CULTURE**TRANSFER OF PROGRAMS TO QUEBEC GOVERNMENT**

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Will he tell the house whether he has agreed to a meeting with the Quebec minister of cultural affairs