

*Inquiries of the Ministry***PUBLIC WORKS****HALIFAX—CONSTRUCTION OF BREAKWATER SOUTH OF CONTAINER PIER**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works a question. He seems to be in a very positive frame of mind today. Has he decided to go ahead with construction of a breakwater to the south of the container pier in Halifax?

• (2:40 p.m.)

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I think that this question might better be addressed to the Minister of Transport.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I might say that normally this question would be considered at the time of adjournment. Perhaps the Leader of the Opposition and the Minister of Transport would like to come back at ten o'clock.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**UNITED STATES ECONOMIC MEASURES—DISCUSSIONS ON AMERICAN GRIEVANCES—SUBJECTS COVERED**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs which is prompted by a reported statement by a prominent member of the United States treasury department to the effect that Canada and the United States have been holding talks on many, if not all, of the subjects raised in the famous grievance list. Could the minister indicate at what level these discussions have been held, whether they are continuing, and what subjects are being covered?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, this question could be directed to myself or to a number of my colleagues since we have all been having discussions of this kind. I think a general answer would be that the discussions have been held at all levels, ministerial and official, with the participation of myself, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and our respective officials. As I said, most of the subjects on the list were familiar. However, some of them were new.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Selkirk.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**IMPERIAL OIL CONSOLIDATION OF PRAIRIE OPERATIONS IN EDMONTON—CONSULTATION WITH MINISTER ON IMPLICATIONS**

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, hon. members are applauding the fantastic development of my leg muscles that has been accomplished over the last few days. My question is for the Minister of Regional Econom-

ic Expansion. May I ask the minister whether, prior to the recent decision by Imperial Oil to consolidate their prairie operations in Edmonton, or at any time since that decision was made, he has consulted with Imperial Oil to discuss the implications of such consolidation for regional economic disparity?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this question as notice.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**PROPOSED AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TEST—DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT**

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question.

I would think that since the United States have announced the forthcoming nuclear test on Amchitka Island the minister has had some consultations with the American authorities on this matter and I would like him to give us some indications that the Americans will take into account the representations made by him or by the government of Canada.

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the answer to that particular question is that I have been assured that our representations are being taken into account. However, perhaps I could correct the first part of the question put by the hon. gentleman the United States has not yet made a decision to have the test.

Mr. Speaker: The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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LABOUR RELATIONS**REPORTED INTENTION TO PUT LOCAL 1842, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, UNDER TRUSTEESHIP**

Mr. John Roberts (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. Has the minister been informed that Mr. Gleason, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, has stated that he intends to put Toronto local 1842, the Toronto harbour local, under trusteeship? If so, have any reasons been advanced for this, and does the Department of Labour intend to intervene in the situation?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I have received word informally that this could possibly happen. I can assure the House that if the president of an international organization were to put a Canadian local, even though it be a local of an international union, under trusteeship by reason of the fact that it had signed a