

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Canada will be pressing very hard for the convening of a Law of the Sea Conference and certainly a proposal such as the hon. member has put forward, or one to the same effect, would receive strong support from Canada.

**Mr. Crouse:** Since Iceland is contemplating an extension of fisheries controls over the entire length of her continental shelf by 1972, is the Canadian government giving consideration to taking similar action with respect to our own continental shelf?

**Mr. Sharp:** We do feel there are several kinds of questions involved here. As the hon. member knows, we have declared certain exclusive fishing zones, for example, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in similar areas off the Pacific coast. We have extended our territorial sea to 12 miles and we are seeking some special régime with respect to the continental shelf where we believe there are very special responsibilities in the adjacent states.

• (3:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, may I put a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Does the government plan any immediate steps this session to introduce into Parliament legislation which will reflect the unanimous report of the fisheries and forestry committee a couple of years ago to the effect that we extend our fishing zones to include the continental shelf and slope?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, this question will be considered. I do not think there is any prospect of any such legislation being introduced this session.

POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE RESPECTING  
WATERS OFF SOUTH COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether during his discussions with the French Foreign Minister any substantive agreement was reached with respect to Canada's territorial seas and fishing zones off the south coast of Newfoundland, bearing in mind French jurisdiction in and over the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon and adjacent waters?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to report that we are making very rapid and I think satisfactory progress on a treaty with the French government which will cover a number of these matters.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

CURTAILMENT OF GRANTS TO INDUSTRIES  
DUPLICATING PLANTS IN WHICH LAY-OFFS ARE  
OCCURRING

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the many reported lay-offs and

production cuts being made in a number of provinces, is the minister considering any plans to curtail federal subsidies to private firms that desire to establish new production facilities elsewhere in the country?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Is the hon. gentleman asking me not to give these grants, so that there will be more persons laid off than there are now?

**Mr. Orlikow:** Mr. Speaker, what I am asking the minister is whether he is giving consideration to stopping grants for facilities which duplicate facilities where lay-offs are taking place in various parts of the country at the present time.

[Translation]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, every time we award a grant, we are most careful not to enter into competition with an established firm or plant. There might be marginal cases and mistakes can be made, but the general policy rightly tends to avoid what the hon. member has just mentioned.

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INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—ALLEGED LOWER PRICE OF FORD  
PINTOS IN VANCOUVER

**Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In view of a recent allegation that Ford Pinto cars, whose points of manufacture are St. Thomas, Ontario and San Jose, California, are currently being offered for sale in Vancouver for some \$19 less than in Toronto and \$106 less than in Winnipeg, would the minister look into the Ford Motor Company's pricing policy?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will refer the information that the hon. member has very kindly supplied me to the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act.

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AGRICULTURE

CORN—POLICY TO OVERCOME LOW DOMESTIC PRICE

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. As a result of indications of an unusually low domestic price for our Canadian corn crop now being harvested and representations made to the minister by that industry, would the minister indicate whether the government has formulated a policy to bolster the price and, if so, what might that policy be?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** No, Mr. Speaker, we do not have a detailed announcement to make.