

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

in St. John's West referred to as the Blackhead Road urban renewal scheme. Will he inform the House whether it is his intention to appoint a commission to inquire into charges of mismanagement, and other problems which have come to light, as requested by the householders union of the Blackhead Road urban renewal scheme?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have not had an opportunity to assess the allegations, but I know there has been a recent meeting between representatives of that association and officials of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. I will be glad to expedite the results of that report and see just where the matter stands.

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**WATER RESOURCES****APPLICATION OF NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT TO CROWN CORPORATIONS**

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the recent statement by the Minister of the Environment that Ottawa should have insisted on using the Navigable Waters Protection Act so that the unfavourable downstream effects of the Bennett Dam in Wood Buffalo Park could have been kept to a minimum, I should like to ask how this act can be used against Crown corporations since they are not subject to its provisions?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Obviously the hon. member is asking for a legal interpretation and his question in those terms is not in order.

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**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****PENSIONS—POSSIBILITY OF ANNUAL INCREASES RELATED TO COST OF LIVING**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that increases in pensions of retired public servants take place on an annual basis, and thus far the increases provided by Canadian National Railways have been on a one-shot basis, I should like to ask the minister whether he is still having discussions with officials of the CNR concerning the possibility of having these pensions escalated every year in relation to the increase in the cost of living?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to do that, but so far I have not discussed that specific matter with them.

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**INDUSTRY****PULP AND PAPER—RELATIVE POSITION IN RELATION TO COMPETITORS AS A RESULT OF PROPOSED TAX CHANGES**

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the difficulties faced by the pulp and paper industries I

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should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether the government is considering the brief presented to it earlier this year by that industry, and is it confident that the proposed changes in the tax bill will meet the industry's assertion that the present tax structure places it at a serious disadvantage compared with its main competitors?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that the second part of the hon. member's question is obviously part of the debate that we may be having later today.

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**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****SUGGESTED CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT, LABOUR AND BUSINESS TO ESTABLISH POLICIES**

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the government is going to involve the private sector in the development of new economic policies and, if so, is a conference among representatives of the government, labour and business now under consideration?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I would think that the government will, indeed, want to involve the private sector and various groups in the economy in respect of any economic policy we might follow. At this time there is no, shall we say, nationwide conference slated, but there have been meetings between the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and groups of people in the industrial and financial communities. There have also been some meetings between the Minister of Labour and labour leaders with this object in mind.

**Mr. Ryan:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the economic situation in our country will the Prime Minister give urgent priority to this matter?

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**UNITED NATIONS****SEATING OF CHINA—REQUEST THAT COPY OF ALBANIAN RESOLUTION BE TABLED**

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs. It concerns the Albanian resolution regarding China's membership in the United Nations. In light of the minister's statement yesterday that there is no question of chucking any member out, will the Acting Minister table in the House the text of the Albanian resolution which does, in fact, call for the immediate expulsion of the Taiwan government from the UN?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot subscribe to the facts as stated by the hon. member. I am sure it would be easy to get a copy of the Albanian resolution and table it in the House, if the House so desired. I will convey the request to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.