

number of small Canadian mining firms engaged in exploration for uranium are presently experiencing serious financial difficulties as a result of recent statements affecting that industry, does the government have any plans to remedy this situation by offering special incentives to Canadian-owned mining firms or adapting other measures?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I fail to see how any government announcement could have had any harmful effect on the exploration or mining activities of Canadian firms. The whole purpose, of course, of the initiative taken by the government in this area is to maintain a high degree of uranium ownership in Canadian hands or Canadian corporate hands.

**Mr. Cafik:** A supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Temiscamingue.

[Later:]

**Mr. Cafik:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Ontario is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Cafik:** My point of order results from the answer given to my question by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I raise the question now because the answer given may have implied that I did not know what I was talking about.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain!

**Mr. Cafik:** Mr. Speaker, the implication is that Canadian firms in the mining industry are not in any way affected by this particular ruling or these statements. I feel that many Canadian firms, not only in that field but in others, often borrow amounts of capital from the United States and are thus affected—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. That is not a point of order.

[Translation]

#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PUBLICITY GIVEN PARTI QUÉBÉCOIS

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Saturday and Sunday last, the new members of the provincial wing of the Ralliement cré-

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ditiste and all the candidates at the election of April 29 met in Quebec City. Naturally, the CBC did not refer to the event. Last night, following a meeting of Mr. René Levesque's separatists, there he was on the CBC network. I would therefore ask the Prime Minister whether the government is about to take a decision about that corporation which costs \$191 million not only to Mr. René Levesque but also to all Canadian taxpayers?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if the facts are as stated by the hon. member—and I have no reason to doubt that—I feel that this is a rather shocking situation. I will get in touch with the Secretary of State, so that he may ask the CBC for a report on its activities. Then the House of Commons will be able to decide what should be done about it.

[English]

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAMAO AIRPORT—INQUIRY AS TO SALE TO ALBERTA

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of National Defence. Would the minister please inform the House whether the airport at Namao, Alberta, is being phased out and sold to the government of Alberta so as to allow the province to build a proposed university on the same site?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think this question should be placed on the Order Paper, or debated at the time of adjournment if the hon. member wants the matter given precedence.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, all that is required is a yes or no answer.

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is obviously no.

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

METHOD OF MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO OTHER NATIONS

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Further to the question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby as to whether or not Canada had made official representation to United States authorities with regard to U.S. involvement in Cambodia, and the answer given by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the effect that