

Canada? I ask this question because the present pace of activity is so slow that there is relatively no positive effect on the unemployment situation.

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I believe the question as asked invited a statement on motions. The minister has given an answer. Perhaps it might facilitate the situation if the hon. member were allowed a supplementary.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, the country is going to read with interest the elaborate statement of the minister on the unemployment crisis. I wish to direct my supplementary question to the Prime Minister. I am very concerned about this serious problem. I am sure most members of the House share this concern. Is the Prime Minister going to make a statement on motions, as intimated in reply to a recent question by another hon. member, indicating any new initiatives planned by the government before he goes on his scuba diving expedition in the next few weeks?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, I asked the Prime Minister if he was going to make a statement on motions.

**Mr. Speaker:** If the hon. member had asked only that I would have allowed the question, but he asked the question in terms that cannot be allowed. The right hon. member for Prince Albert.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member may have an opportunity later. For the moment the Chair has recognized the right hon. member.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### UKRAINIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC—EXCHANGE OF CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Having regard to the fact that the government has made two recent appointments of consular representatives, is the government considering asking the Ukrainian Socialist

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Republic to exchange consuls-general so that the Ukrainian people in Canada, many of whom want to visit the old land, and many people living in the Ukraine who want to come to Canada to visit their people, will be in a position where their applications will be processed more expeditiously than they are now?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as the right hon. gentleman knows we are trying, I hope with the help of the opposition, to keep government expenditures under control. It is not my purpose at the present time to extend our diplomatic representation in that way.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I know the Ukrainian people across Canada will not be delighted with the minister's answer, but with that very laudable objective in mind, will the minister say why the government entered into an agreement to pay \$190,000 at the rate of \$200 a day to chartered accountants to answer objections to the white paper on tax reform?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

### SHIPPING

#### SINKING OF "PATRICK MORRIS"— CONDUCTING OF INQUIRY

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** I wish to direct my question to the Acting Minister of Transport or the Prime Minister. Is the government in a position to make a statement regarding the tragic sinking in the Gulf of St. Lawrence last night of the *Patrick Morris*? To this time have all the members of the crew of the *Patrick Morris* been accounted for?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I have a report from the Minister of Transport on this tragic occurrence. I am told that of the people aboard the *Patrick Morris* there are 47 survivors accounted for at this time. Four of the crew are still missing. We have no further information.

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** A supplementary question. In view of the fact that this tragedy has occurred and that there is some lack of clarity as to the causes of the disaster, can the right hon. gentleman indicate whether an inquiry is being conducted into the underlying causes of the tragedy and whether a report will be received?