

*Oral Questions*

of Saskatchewan to live up to its agreement, and what discussions have taken place so far with that government?

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I am not personally that familiar with this agreement but I will look into the matter, as the right hon. gentleman suggests, and provide him with what I hope will be a satisfactory answer.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I would not want to break up this beautiful relationship between the Liberal party and the NDP, but in view of the fact that the banns have not yet been published, I hope that for the benefit of the province of Saskatchewan some action will be taken.

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**AIRPORTS**

PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—EXPROPRIATION OF  
LAND—MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF  
COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

**Mr. John Harney (Scarborough West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport and it has to do with the inquiry announced in conjunction with the decision to expropriate land for the Pickering airport. Will the minister report what progress is being made, if any, on the selection of the chairman and the membership of the inquiry?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, we are trying to choose from a rather extensive list of possible candidates and when we have reached a decision as to which candidates we shall propose, we shall discuss it with the province of Ontario.

[English]

**Mr. Harney:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister a supplementary question with particular reference to the latter part of his answer. Have the terms of reference been set for the committee, and is the government of the province of Ontario now co-operating by making the inquiry sufficiently broad as to involve all planning considerations for the region?

[Translation]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** Mr. Speaker, we are in the process of defining the mandate of this commission. I trust that within a few days we will be in a position to inform the Ontario government of it.

[English]

PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—RELEASE OF  
SURROUNDING LAND FROM MINISTERIAL ORDER

**Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. While the minister is carrying on his present plans, would he inform the House whether he has been in touch with the government of Ontario to inform them which of the 70,000 acres surrounding the proposed airport that were frozen may be released from the ministerial order of March 1, 1972, which was put on

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

at the request of the minister on the understanding that it would not be required for longer than four months?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the expropriated area which could be handed over to the interested parties was defined in the news release, and that the information was also transmitted to the Ontario government.

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[English]

**FINANCE**

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL  
MONETARY SITUATION

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. I wonder whether the minister would make a statement on motions, either tomorrow or on Monday, in which he would give the government's views on the present and continuing international monetary crisis, in view of this week's assaults on the dollar and the rumour that the Common Market countries are going to float their currencies, and on what is going to happen to the Canadian dollar, whether it is going to go down with the U.S. dollar or be allowed to float upwards?

**Mr. Drury:** Where is your crystal ball?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my partner for his support. I do not think the House would want me to speculate on the future of the Canadian dollar, for obvious reasons. At the moment the Canadian dollar is stable and in rough parity with that of the United States. While it is true that today the markets in Europe are finding the U.S. dollar under considerable pressure, if the situation reaches the stage described by the hon. member I would, of course, consider his suggestion.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether we could have a statement so that the minister could expose all the circumstances that he feels proper to put before the House and so the House would be able to comment on them as well as on the nature of Canada's U.S. holdings and their, shall I say, frozen state?

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**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

ELECTION OF CHIEF OF KAMLOOPS No. 1 BAND—  
REQUEST FOR REPORT ON SITUATION

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I asked a similar question a couple of weeks ago when he was absent, and I am glad to see him back and now in good health. His parliamentary secretary said at the time that the Indians in Kamloops are quite O.K. I should like to ask the minister how the hearing is coming in Kamloops and if things are O.K. there, where the Indian people have been deprived of