

Inquiries of the Ministry

that the vice-president of the company apologized for the incident in St. Romuald. Again I want to repeat, Mr. Speaker, that it is not because I did not speak, but because the Canadian government's contribution was not recognized.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**EXPULSION OF CANADIAN STUDENTS FROM TAIWAN—
POSSIBLE RETALIATORY ACTION**

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, in view of changes that have recently taken place in our relations with Taiwan and in light of the expulsion of a number of Canadian students from that country, is the Canadian government taking any retaliatory action against students in this country from Taiwan or Taipei?

• (3:30 p.m.)

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Peters: In view of this being a political retaliation rather than the result of anything the students may have done, is it not in the interest of the Canadian government to retaliate?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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UNITED NATIONS**SEATING OF CHINA—CANADIAN VOTE ON ALBANIAN
RESOLUTION**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if it has yet been decided how the Canadian delegation will vote on the Albanian resolution in respect of the seating of China in the United Nations General Assembly? If so, what is the determination in respect of the vote?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Canadian government will vote in favour of the Albanian resolution and will vote against all procedural motions which would prevent the United Nations taking a clear decision on the matter.

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URBAN AFFAIRS**MONTREAL REHABILITATION PROJECT—LACK OF
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL**

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State responsible for Urban Affairs. Has the minister given his approval to the rehabilitation project announced in the *Montreal Gazette* this morning for the city of Montreal?

[Mr. Marchand (Minister of Regional Econo.)]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I was surprised and disappointed to see this news. I was surprised since I have not had an opportunity to examine the proposal, let alone approve it, and I was disappointed because this type of premature release makes it difficult to continue negotiations in good faith.

[Later:]

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I want to put a supplementary question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. In view of the report that the city of Montreal is getting multi-million dollar assistance from Ottawa for urban renewal, can the minister say whether the government plans to extend this program to other cities in Canada?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I just denied the fact that such authority has been granted the city of Montreal.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**POSITION OF AGREEMENT WITH NOVA SCOTIA—
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT**

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Would the minister indicate whether or not the formality of the signing of the DREE agreement between the federal authority and the province of Nova Scotia has as yet taken place? If it has, would the minister be in a position to indicate at what stage some of the supplementary requests in respect of that agreement are?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Is it possible, Mr. Speaker, to know to what agreement the hon. gentleman is referring?

Mr. McCleave: Have you that many with Nova Scotia?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): We have an agreement in respect of highways; we have an agreement in respect of the ARDA program; we have many agreements with the government.

Mr. Forrestall: About two weeks ago the Premier of Nova Scotia indicated, according to a headline in a daily newspaper, that agreement had been reached with the federal authority under the DREE program. This is a basic agreement covering many areas, particularly those areas in the designated metropolitan growth centres.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): I suggest that the hon. member re-read the article and tell me exactly what program he is referring to.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Athabasca.

Mr. Forrestall: I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. On three separate occasions not only I but all Nova Scotians have learned of basic agreements between this authority and the provincial authorities before they have been announced in the House. Either somebody is very badly confused or somebody is lying. I do not accuse