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very briefly to discuss the procedure they would follow. They have agreed to that procedure and I understand the meetings continued last evening, that they were quite productive and are carrying on today.

I might mention to the hon. gentleman that it is a matter of opinion which strike is the more important at any time.

[Translation]

EXHIBITIONS**PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN OPERATION OF "MAN AND HIS WORLD"**

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Lucien Saulnier, president of the executive committee of Montreal, during a long interview granted to the *Montreal Star* on Tuesday last, has invited the federal government to participate permanently in "Man and His World". Could the minister tell the house whether Lucien Saulnier or His Honour Mayor, Jean Drapeau have communicated with him in this connection and whether the government intends to answer in the affirmative to that urgent and important invitation?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have received verbal representations in this connection from Messrs. Drapeau and Saulnier. However each department of the government is entirely free to take its decisions in that field and in the past as this year also, a certain number of departments and organizations of the government, for instance, the National Film Board, the Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation, the Travel Bureau—have participated to "Man and his World" in one way or another, but I do not have time to elaborate.

I wish also to point out that the government has recently taken part in a tripartite negotiation with the Quebec government and the City of Montreal which has indirectly resulted in a grant of more than \$1 million to "Man and His World".

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

Would the minister tell the house whether various departments of the federal government intend to participate in "Man and his World", especially the Secretary of State?

Mr. Speaker: Order! In my opinion, the supplementary question is much too general and cannot be asked at this time.

[Mr. Mackasey.]

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS**CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I wonder if he will make a statement to the house about the extent of Canadian participation in the twenty-fifth anniversary of the D-Day exercises. Also, to what extent will Canadian personnel be participating in that exercise?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, at the invitation of the government of France a Canadian delegation will commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the D-Day landing on French soil. The names of those who will be on the delegation have already been announced. Two members of the House of Commons are included, as well as the Sergeant-at-Arms and other distinguished persons who will well represent the government of Canada and the veterans of this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister indicate which two members of parliament are to be on the delegation?

Mr. Dubé: Yes, Mr. Speaker. One will be the hon. member for Northumberland-Miramichi (Mr. Smith) and the other the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall).

Mr. Speaker: I draw the attention of hon. members to the time. There are only four or five minutes left in the question period. Perhaps we might go to other subject matters.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**SERIOUS ERRORS AND INADEQUACIES IN RECORDING OF EXPENDITURES**

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It relates to the government of the Northwest Territories. What action has the minister taken as a result of the Auditor-Generals' findings that there were such serious errors and inadequacies in the records of expenditures and revenues of the Council of the Northwest Territories that no reliable financial statement could be prepared therefrom.