

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, will the minister please tell the house if food presently to be loaded on ships in Halifax will be sent to Nigeria-Biafra by plane before October 13?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, this shipment has been co-ordinated with the International Red Cross. The food is being shipped at the time most suitable to the International Red Cross, by sea. It is not necessary to move it by air.

**Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question concerns the transport to Biafra of relief supplies. Is it the intention of the government to provide helicopters as well, since the problem seems to be one of distribution in Biafra and not just delivery?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, the particular request we have had from the International Red Cross has been for Hercules planes. That seems to be the aircraft that we in Canada can best supply.

### INDUSTRY

#### AUTOMOBILES—REPORTED RECALL BY FORD COMPANY IN U.S.

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Transport. Having in mind the fact reported this week that some 14,000 Mustang and Cougar motor cars have been recalled by the Ford Motor Company in the United States, would the minister ask his department to look into the situation as it affects Canada and make an early report to the house on the matter?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to make the necessary inquiries.

[Translation]

#### TEXTILES—REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, QUE.

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to put my question to the honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who is a member from the eastern townships, but in view of his absence, I shall direct it to his parliamentary secretary.

I should like to know whether the present government intends to introduce, in the near

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future, legislation to stimulate and help the textile industry in the eastern townships, since it has now reached a point where it is losing rather than gaining ground.

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me an identical question was put yesterday.

#### PORTNEUF, QUE.—BRIEF FROM ECONOMIC COUNCIL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development.

Has the minister studied the brief submitted by the Economic Council of Portneuf concerning the economic situation in that area? If so, is he in a position to let us know the decision of his department?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development):** Mr. Speaker, I study all the briefs sent to me, including that one.

[English]

### HOUSING

#### INQUIRY AS TO PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL MONEY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the question of the Minister of Transport in his capacity as the minister responsible for housing. I have had an opportunity to give the minister notice of this question. Will the minister tell the house whether any part of the \$170 million to be made available to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, as announced by the minister last Friday in this house, represents any additional money to be provided by C.M.H.C. for overall housing starts this year?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It seems to me, again, that this question was asked yesterday.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** Mr. Speaker, I very carefully checked this matter, and I believe the question was not raised yesterday in this exact form.

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, it does not represent an increase in the capital budget, but it does represent an increase in the expenditure for the present year over what had been planned before.