

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I expect that this matter will be the subject of some discussion at the next session.

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the government now settled its anxieties and vague doubts and is it in a position to make a definitive statement as to sovereignty in Arctic waters and resources on the continental shelf, as well as the extent of the continental shelf north of the Arctic coast?

**Mr. Sharp:** This will be discussed in the coming session. I think the government has a pretty clear idea of the extent of our sovereignty in the north, but I hope the opposition is not confused.

**Mr. Stanfield:** We are not thinking about it; we have known for some time.

### CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

#### INQUIRY AS TO FURTHER ALLOCATION OF MONEY

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** My question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. May I ask how soon he will be in a position to make a statement to the effect that the Cape Breton Development Corporation will receive a further allocation of money?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** I do not understand the question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** For clarification to the minister, may I explain that the monies allocated to Devco, as they call it, are rapidly being depleted and as a result their work will be curtailed.

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I will answer the question during the next session.

[Translation]

### COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS

#### DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE

**Mr. Fernand-E. Leblanc (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Secretary of State a question about the Company of Young Canadians. Since the problem is urgent and of national importance, could the minister suggest a possible date for the establishment

[Mr. Dumont.]

of the committee he mentioned in his statement and inform the house about its terms of reference?

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** This will be done as soon as possible in the course of the next session, Mr. Speaker. As for the terms of reference they are still to be set in a specific way.

[English]

### LABOUR CONDITIONS

#### CHURCHILL, MAN.—ACTION TO ASSIST DISPLACED WORKERS

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** I have a question for the President of the Treasury Board, Mr. Speaker. In view of the decisions of this government and of the United States government to reduce sharply the work being carried on at the National Research Council range at Churchill, Manitoba, and in view of the statements by local spokesmen concerning the drastic effect this action will have on the economy and the entire future of Churchill, what action is the government planning to assist those displaced as a result of this decision?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, it is a matter of great regret that the NASA authorities, National Aeronautical Space Administration of the United States, have not found themselves, for budgetary reasons, able to continue the rocket research at Churchill. The National Research Council, however, will continue on its own, and on a reduced scale, the rocket investigation which has been conducted. With a view to causing as little local dislocation as possible, a study is now under way by the personnel of the National Research Council and the Department of Public Works to see how this can best be arranged.

**Mr. Simpson:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the President of the Treasury Board say if any consideration is being given by this government to asking the NASA authorities for further consultation before a final decision is made?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, the news to which the hon. gentleman referred emanated from an almost five-day discussion with NASA at which an endeavour was made to get them to continue.

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Is it the intention of the National Research Coun-