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Mr. Cadieux: Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member can trust me. It will be within the ceiling that has been allocated for national defence.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the Minister of Transport let the minister in on his plans for sharing between the Department of Transport and the Department of National Defence the responsibility of properly guarding the Arctic?

Mr. Cadieux (Labelle): Mr. Speaker, it has been my contention all along even more now than ever, that there must be some co-ordination between all the efforts in the north, not only by the Department of National Defence and the Department of Transport but also by other departments of government. I believe that there is an acceptance of that fact among all the ministers.

Mr. MacInnis: A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. As the minister failed to answer this question on another occasion, has he now made up his mind since the Minister of Transport has also taken over defence?

TRANSPORT

STANDARDS RESPECTING SAFETY OF AUTOMOBILE TIRES

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Having in mind the announcement by the United States Department of Transport to the effect that the Goodrich Tire Company has agreed to withdraw 43,000 passenger car tires as failing to meet standards in the United States, can the minister say what the situation is here? Do we have tire standards dealing with safety?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): With regard to the latter part of the question, as the hon. member knows the standards for Canadian tires, automobiles and accessories are now being drawn up and will be published under the authority of the act recently passed. I am grateful to the hon. member for having sent this particular news item to me. I will check to see if it has any application as far as Canada is concerned.

[Translation]

AIRPORTS

SITE OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROPOSED BY PARTI QUÉBÉCOIS

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister.

[Mr. MacLean.]

Since the construction of an international airport at Drummondville is one of the priorities of the Parti Québécois, could the Prime Minister tell the House whether the government would agree with René Lévesque in this matter? Since expropriation has begun at Ste. Scholastique, could he also tell us whether this would mean that the government could resell its land?

Mr. Speaker: In my view this question is hypothetical, at least as far as the first part of it is concerned.

[English]

POLLUTION

SUGGESTED ANTI-POLLUTION WEEK—ASSIST-ANCE TO GROUPS IN FIGHT AGAINST CONTAMINATION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): As usual, Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a non-provocative question. It is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Having regard to the wonderful attitude on the part of university students across Canada—I refer to the Universities of Victoria, Saskatchewan, Toronto and others—in convening organizations for the purpose of joining in the fight against anti-pollution—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacLean: The fight against pollution.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The fight against pollution. Because of the tremendous energy, enthusiasm and initiative of these young people in facing a problem which is even more important to them than to the present generation, will the minister give consideration to having a week set aside as Environmental Problems Week or Anti-pollution Week? Also, will the government give assistance to recognized groups across Canada who are doing their part to join in every way possible in the greatest fight that we have in our country?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I will attempt to give a non-controversial answer to that non-controversial question. Certainly, it should be a source of inspiration for those of us who are concerned with the problems of pollution that so many young people in particular and so many citizens in general are anxious to join the war against pollution. Certainly within my department we are striving very hard to find a federal vehicle whereby concerned citizens can play a part in the

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