

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****PROPOSED PROGRAM ON SPRINGHILL MINE DISASTER—
OBJECTIONS FROM MINERS**

[Later:]

Mr. Broadbent: My supplementary to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is to ask whether the government presented to the American officials an alternative proposal to the safeguards, and does the government at present have a policy position which it would consider as an acceptable replacement of the safeguards which exist?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I believe we have one, Mr. Speaker, but it would not be terribly wise to announce it today.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**SURVEY OF INVESTMENT INTENTIONS IN
CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY—REQUEST FOR MEASURES
TO STIMULATE INVESTMENT AND ENCOURAGE
EMPLOYMENT**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce a question arising from the survey of investment intentions conducted by his department which shows an intention to increase investment in construction, machinery and equipment by a mere 3 per cent in 1972 as opposed to 10 per cent this year. Could the minister tell the House whether his department or the government proposes to adopt any measures to stimulate investment which will encourage employment?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The statement is more intelligent than the use that is made of it, Mr. Speaker, because it points out a number of factors that are changing now. Among those is the announcement recently made by the Minister of Finance of cuts in taxation for corporations and individuals.

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AIR TRANSPORT**STOL AIRCRAFT—GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR
DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): My question is for the Minister of Transport. Has the government decided to continue to support parent companies in the development of the STOL airliner, the DM C-7, or is a better solution to the problem under consideration?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member is referring to the DH C-7, the de Havilland aircraft, which I assume he is, there has been no change since I made the announcement some time ago. We are continuing to give encouragement to that particular project.

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. Has his attention been drawn to a telegram sent to him by miners from Springhill, Nova Scotia with regard to a proposed program announced by the CBC about the 1958 mine disaster and their strong objections associated with this program? If so, has the Prime Minister taken any action on the subject?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not have any notice of that telegram and I will look into the matter. However, even if I have received it, I do not suggest that I would make any attempt to control the CBC. I would merely refer the matter to the Secretary of State for consideration and perhaps transmittal to the CBC.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**INDIA—REQUEST TO SEND DRIED POTATOES TO AID IN
FOOD SHORTAGE**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture who, according to the roster, is here today. In light of the serious marketing difficulties of the potato growers of eastern Canada and considering the terrible food shortage among Pakistan refugees in India, is the minister considering taking some initiative in assisting in a crash program to provide vast quantities of dried instant potatoes to the people in dire need in India as requested by Oxfam of Canada?

Mr. Muir: The minister is still in Assiniboia.

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member's question, I can assure him that all foreign aid is extended through the External Affairs Department. However, if the hon. member is asking the Agriculture Department to supply potatoes to any one, as he is suggesting it, we will be pleased to comply with his request since there seems to be a surplus on the market at this time.

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[English]

ENERGY**ALLEGED PROPOSAL BY UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE
EMBARGO ON ENRICHED URANIUM FROM CANADA**

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the recently announced policy proposal of the United States Atomic Energy Commission to continue the embargo on enriched Canadian uranium for the United States market to the late 1970's from the previously announced date of July, 1973, does the Canadian government intend to for-