

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think the record should be altered. The information as to what had been said by the chairman of the AEC was incomplete at the time the Prime Minister spoke. The information that the hon. member referred to came in subsequently, so that to that extent I think the Prime Minister would want his answer altered. I do understand that there is an appeal from the United Church of Canada.

• (2:30 p.m.)

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the minister could indicate what response will be made to this appeal and to the other appeals from the Anglican, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches. In addition, in view of the proximity of this explosion to the borders of both Japan and the Soviet Union, as well as our own, is any consideration being given to some form of joint initiative that might be taken in order to avert this explosion?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the response that would be given to the appeals now being made would be the same as the answer given yesterday in the House, namely, that the government feels that the action of the House of Commons in expressing its opposition to these tests is the best and strongest representation that could be made of the views of this parliament and that the Prime Minister would simply be reiterating what the House has already expressed to the United States administration.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member may ask a last supplementary and then we will move on.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, since the minister has expressed an unwillingness on the part of the government to take any further action, is the government considering providing any form of escort for the *Greenpeace*, the civilian gesture being launched again from Vancouver, which will guarantee reasonable safety in its exercise of the right of innocent passage when it attempts to take its own action in regard to this test?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I ought to say that I do not agree with the first part of the answer that the hon. member gave to his own question. He asked me whether the Prime Minister was intending to make further representations and the answer to that question is no. However, in the United Nations today the hon. member for Coast Chilcotin, who is my parliamentary secretary, will be making a speech in the first committee—

Mr. Woolliams: He has already made it.

Mr. Sharp: Perhaps he has already made it—and will be bringing before the United Nations the views of the members of this House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Egmont is seeking the floor on a question of privilege.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Is it the idea of this government to send a boy to do a man's job?

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby.

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MANPOWER**RELATING OF GRANTS FOR ON THE JOB TRAINING TO OCCUPATIONS IN WHICH WORKERS ARE REQUIRED**

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In his announcement yesterday he said nothing about relating the on the job training program to actual availability of jobs for men after they have taken such courses. Are steps being taken to ensure that the grants made to cover the cost of on the job training will be related to occupations for which there is clearly an anticipated market demand?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, that is the constant objective of manpower training programs of all sorts, and it will also be the objective of the on the job training program as far as that is possible.

Mr. Broadbent: If that is the case, then why was this not stated as being part of the general criteria on the basis of which grants would be made?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to the hon. member that that is argument.

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UNITED NATIONS**CONDUCT OF CANADIAN DELEGATION ON EXPULSION OF TAIWAN**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. He may wish to take it as notice since I understand he was not, so to speak, on the spot. Was the Canadian delegation at the General Assembly in New York included among those delegations that were described by the United States administration as jumping with joy and undisguised glee at the diplomatic defeat suffered by the United States?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian government was not, of course, engaged in any such activities through its delegation in New York. Our representative expressed the views of Canada. Our delegation did not lobby, did not proselytize; it expressed what I believe is the overwhelming view of the Canadian people, that the P.R.C. should be represented as the government of China at the United Nations.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!