

*Oral Questions*

million shares of the Canada Development Corporation announced last May?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, as I explained to the Hon. Member last night in the CDC issue, there were 41 investment houses included in the distribution, including Wood Gundy, Dominion Securities, McLeod Young, Levesque, Richardson Green-shields, Pemberton, Geoffrion, some 30-odd companies. It is set out publicly in the tombstone ad that appeared in the papers at the time.

## REQUEST FOR MINISTER'S RESIGNATION

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister appointed Burns Fry as the lead in this particular share offering. Given the ongoing investigation, confirmed yesterday by the Ontario Securities Commission, into all aspects of the CDC transaction, the interlocking directorships between a certain representative of the Burns Fry organization and Magna, and the Minister's complicated business dealings, does he not believe that he should resign his position?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, in response to the Hon. Member let me assure her that the appointment of not only Burns Fry, but the other 40 dealers that were involved in the distribution of the CDC stock was done by the CDIC board. It was Mr. Paul Marshall, the president of that company, that presided over the general distribution. We have one more piece of evidence that the Bay Street informant the Hon. Member is relying on is filling her with wrong information.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## CIA FUNDED BRAINWASHING EXPERIMENTS—COOPER REPORT

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice and it concerns the appalling report by George Cooper on the CIA brainwashing experiments on Canadian citizens. Will the Minister explain why Cooper was not asked by him to contact either the victims of these experiments, the individual who was responsible for the book which disclosed the experiments, or the lawyer for the victims? Will the Minister, in these circumstances, not agree that the unbelievable conclusions of this whitewashing report are fatally flawed as a result?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I suppose for the first time the Government of Canada has taken this matter seriously, a matter which has been ongoing now for 20 or 30 years. Last year I arranged for an independent inquiry to be made of all government sources as to what the Government's involvement was in this particular matter that relates to the late 1950s and early 1960s. That inquiry has been concluded. We have made

the report public, which includes the conclusions and opinions of our independent investigator. Nothing is being held back. The report is certainly not a whitewash. It is a complete exposure of anything the Government or any agency of the Government had to do with this matter. It is the first time to my knowledge that this has ever been done. The hon. gentleman opposite should be welcoming that as a new departure in Canadian Government matters.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Robinson:** Certainly the aging victims of this are not welcoming that kind of whitewash.

## REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGANTS IN U.S. COURTS

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the same Minister. In view of the Minister's public offer yesterday to assist the plaintiffs in their United States legal action against the CIA, will the Minister agree to intervene in the American courts on behalf of these Canadian citizens and further assist the plaintiffs financially with their legal costs?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, if the plaintiffs—I do not believe the Hon. Member represents the plaintiffs—

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** He represents them here in Parliament, John.

**Mr. Crosbie:** If the plaintiffs have a submission in that respect, then it will be considered. We have helped and will continue to help the plaintiffs in their case against the CIA, for the simple reason that the CIA wrongfully involved themselves in financing research in Canada without either the consent or knowledge of the Government of Canada, and because they did it in a surreptitious and non-public manner, hiding behind a so-called charitable front. For that reason we are prepared and have assisted and will continue to assist the plaintiffs.

Mr. Cooper's report deals with the Government's position and whether the Government has any legal liability or any moral responsibility in connection with its own research grants.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Crosbie:** He came to certain conclusions which we accept at the present time.

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## PETRO-CANADA

## PRICE CHARGED FOR GASOLINE

**Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Parliamentary Secretary to the