

Inquiries of the Ministry

RICHMOND, QUE.—ARDA PROJECTS

Question No. 1,064—**Mr. Beaudoin**:

1. What projects were undertaken under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act in the province of Quebec and in the federal Constituency of Richmond since 1965?

2. What are these projects?

3. What is the share of (a) the provincial government, and (b) the federal government in these projects?

4. Have requests for further projects been received from the province of Quebec on behalf of the federal Constituency of Richmond and, if so (a) where will these projects be carried out (b) what is the purpose of each program?

5. What amount will be allocated to each of these projects?

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RICHMOND, QUE.—SUBSIDIZED ACCESS ROADS

Question No. 1,069—**Mr. Beaudoin**:

1. How many access roads to forests did the government subsidize in 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 in the federal Constituency of Richmond?

2. How many miles of road were built (a) in each province (b) in the Constituency of Richmond?

3. How much was spent for this purpose (a) in the province of Quebec (b) in the Constituency of Richmond?

4. How much does the government intend to grant in subsidies during 1969 (a) to each province (b) for the Constituency of Richmond?

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

MAINLAND CHINA—DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR FROM NATIONALIST CHINA—REPRESENTATIONS TO U.S.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can the minister advise if the ambassador of Nationalist China from Formosa has just called upon him and if he has delivered any message in connection with the decision of the Canadian government to persuade the government of mainland China to enter into closer relations?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the ambassador of the government of the Republic of China called on me on Friday to inquire about the meaning of various statements that

[Mr. Orlikow.]

had been made recently by the government in which the government indicated its intention to have negotiations with the People's Republic of China leading toward mutual recognition.

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Would not the minister and perhaps the Prime Minister too—a helpful combination on agreement—agree that discussion of this sensitive issue would be considerably enhanced if the government were to issue a short white paper outlining the options that are open to the government on this issue of recognizing continental China?

Mr. Sharp: The government had stated its intention on a number of occasions. The matter is now before cabinet. I expect a decision one way or the other dealing with the modalities of the subject will be made shortly. At that time I think it might be very useful to have some discussion, perhaps before the Committee on External Affairs, although I should add that I would not want to see so many matters discussed before the External Affairs Committee that none of them receives the attention it should.

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, has the government of Canada communicated to the government of the United States of America its intentions concerning the People's Republic of China? I ask this question in view of the remarks made this morning by the President of the United States at his press conference.

Mr. Sharp: Shortly after taking office as Secretary of State for External Affairs I acquainted the Secretary of State of the United States with the policy of the government. No further decisions have yet been taken. As soon as they are I will of course be in communication with the Secretary of State of the United States, and with representatives of other friendly countries.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, my question is also supplementary, although I could state it as a related question. Will the minister assure the house that he informed the ambassador of the Taiwan government of the Canadian government's intention to proceed with negotiations with mainland China, despite the protests which I assume the ambassador laid before the minister?

Mr. Sharp: I said in reply to the original question that the ambassador came for an explanation, not to protest.