

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

make a statement on his discussions in Japan. The minister said that he had not intended to do so but that he would give consideration to that suggestion. The minister then went out and, at a press conference, discussed the very thing that he had not discussed in the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Shame!

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** I submit that Members of Parliament ought not to have to depend on fragmentary reports of a press conference appearing in the newspapers in order to know what government policies are.

**Mr. Baldwin:** They are reports concerning a fragmentary minister.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Nor ought we to have to depend on questions based on these press reports if we are to question the minister intelligently.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** The minister, in the press conference, is quoted as saying that he believes it would be politically and economically wise to have an uranium enriching plant built in Canada with Japanese capital. I wonder if the minister could give us some information as to whether this is to be an enriching plant which will be wholly owned by a Japanese corporation, whether the corporation will be putting up all the equity capital or part of the equity capital, whether there will be any Canadian participation and whether the announcement that the former chairman of the Japanese Atomic Energy Board has given his support indicates—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member might like to give the minister an opportunity to reply to the first questions. It seems to me that the question is becoming a little too long.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I will put it to the minister in the simplest possible terms. Will the minister tell us what he envisages to be the kind of program under which Japanese capital would be used to establish an uranium enriching plant in Canada?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, speaking first to the hon. member's question of privilege, I regret very much that I beat my day to be swift. Answering his actual question, may I say that no decision has been reached so far. During the course of our Japanese visit, we found that the Japanese reactor and utilities people were very anxious to have a fourth enrichment plant outside the U.S.A. so that they could have another source of supply for enriched uranium in Canada, that we had low cost hydroelectric power which would be the soundest base for such a plant, that the capital cost of such a plant could not very likely be borne by Canada alone inasmuch as it would cost in the neighbourhood of \$1 billion or more, and that

chairman of this committee and a former member of the cabinet, described the carrying out of science policy in this country in these words, "we are last where we should be first, and first where we should be last," will the Prime Minister begin now to take steps to try to rectify this confusion in which the government so often finds itself in following its policies?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that is a description which would apply very much to the Tory party also.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hees:** Now, Pierre, don't you tease.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I think, despite that, they may want to help by co-operating with the government in expediting the adoption of the government organization bill, so that we can proceed with this next step.

**Mr. Hees:** Since the previous Conservative government never encountered problems of this kind but had a cohesive science policy, we would be glad to step across the aisle and help the government.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

CONTRACTING OUT OF RESEARCH PROJECTS  
TO INDUSTRY

**Mr. Louis-Rolland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the President of the Treasury Board who now is the minister responsible for science. Inasmuch as last year industrial scientists complained that the government was not making full use of their services in the development of better manpower policies, will the government now consider the conclusions of the Senate science report, namely, that more research projects ought to be contracted out to industry in order to involve these scientists more fully in Canadian affairs.

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I think if the hon. gentleman will examine the estimates, he will see that progressively more and more research projects have been contracted out to industry rather than being undertaken in government laboratories. That is part of a continuing policy.

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URANIUM

POSSIBLE JAPANESE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN  
CONSTRUCTION OF ENRICHMENT PLANT—  
CANADIAN CONTROL

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Before doing so, I wish to raise a question of privilege affecting the rights of the members of the House. Yesterday, the hon. member for South Western Nova asked the minister if he would