

*Inquiries of the Ministry*MAINLAND CHINA—U.S. REACTION TO
CANADIAN RECOGNITION

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Is the minister now prepared to table the statement he referred to on Wednesday last by the Secretary of State of the United States expressing concern about Canada's statement on Red China. Can the minister at the same time say whether Canada received a note on this matter and also what Canada's reply was?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Well, Mr. Speaker, when I answered that question the other day I had reservations about it. I said that if the house considered it necessary, I would make public the statement. If the hon. member really wishes me to get hold of Mr. Rogers' statement, I shall be happy to do so. Our answer to the United States, and I cannot recall now whether there was a note, was that we intend to proceed.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. On Wednesday last when the minister replied to this question he spoke rather casually about the statement made by the United States Secretary of State, intimating it was published many weeks ago. He said he would get it for the house and table it if necessary. I hope he does get it, and that he tables it.

UNITED NATIONS

CONSIDERATION BY CANADA OF
PEACEKEEPING UNIT

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): My question, Mr. Speaker, is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I ask him through you, Mr. Speaker, if his attention has been called to a study or report of an influential group in the United States which has called on its own government to take the lead in working for a standing force of 40,000 men to be used by the United Nations for its peace-keeping operations? Will the government of Canada consider this report and discuss it with the United States government?

Mr. Speaker: The question asked by the hon. member is of a very general nature. I doubt whether it should be asked at this time.

[Mr. Baldwin.]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CRIME PREVENTION DISCUSSIONS WITH
U.S. AUTHORITIES

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has there of recent date been any meaningful consultation with the United States regarding crime prevention? Have any anti-crime measures been taken in view of the fact that the director of the Montreal police force, Jean-Paul Gilbert, has predicted there will be a wave of criminals entering Canada from the United States?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Approximately three or four weeks ago the Solicitor General and I were in Washington, where we had personal discussions for two days with the Attorney General of the United States, John Mitchell, the Deputy Attorney General, Dick Kleindienst, and most of their senior officials, including the crime investigation branch. We spent about four hours discussing the anti-crime network. The officials gave us advance information about the new strike force announced recently by the President of the United States.

HAL BANKS—POSSIBILITY OF RENEWING
EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Has-tings): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In the discussions with these gentlemen, did the question of the extradition of Hal Banks come up? If so, what view did the government express?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Neither side brought up that question during the discussions.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Did both feel that politically this is a very sensitive matter?

INDUSTRY

DEVCO—COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF
MINERS

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Now that the compulsory aspect of the Devco early retirement plan is in effect, will the government move quickly to assure that Devco carries out that part of the legislation which compels them to provide for former miners?