

the government might follow the lead of companies such as Imperial Oil and the Royal Bank and initiate special job-creating programs for young people this summer?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, this kind of consultations take place every year and they do not particularly come under the responsibility of my department, but I know however that they take place. The only consultations we have had ourselves, that is to say through those people who submit their projects to us, concern the Opportunities for Youth Program.

[English]

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** In view of the fact the minister indicated earlier that some 20,000 opportunities for youth projects have now been submitted and only a fraction of these will be accepted, is there any specific program underway to consult with other agencies that might well implement some of these very worth-while projects?

[Translation]

**Mr. Pelletier:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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### MANPOWER

#### LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM—ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR QUEBEC MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

The Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister having confirmed to me that an additional amount of \$5 million had been granted to local initiative projects in the province, would the right hon. gentleman elaborate on the reply he gave me last Friday?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know to which confirmation the hon. member refers. He might have received an information of which I may be unaware, but if he wishes to give me notice of his question, I would study it further.

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[English]

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### LAY-OFF OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ON MARCH 30—ASSURANCE OF EARLY REHIRING

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the President of the Treasury Board. It has to do specifically with the 50 civilian employees to be laid off on March 30 at CFB Chatham but also the hundreds of others at national defence bases across Canada who will be laid off on March 30 because obviously the department has run out of money. Would the minister give some assurance that these people will be eligible for re-employment on or shortly after April 1? I would have directed my question to the Minister of National Defence but it is so long since he has been here that I have forgotten what he looks like.

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**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, had the question been directed to the Minister of National Defence it would have been both useful and procedurally correct. I will bring the question to his attention.

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### ENERGY

#### PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINES—CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS BEFORE PERMIT ISSUED

**Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question supplementary to an earlier question about northern pipelines. Since there is no specific responsibility on the National Energy Board to consider the environmental or social effects of any northern pipeline, nor to hold public hearings, may I ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether he intends to issue any new instructions, or at least clarifications, to the National Energy Board so that prior to considering any permit these factors will be fully taken into account?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I would point out to the hon. member that he is mistaken in his interpretation of the statute. This is one of the general public interests that the board has to take into account. Certainly the board will have additional criteria available to it for the purpose of hearings which, as I indicated earlier, would not commence until after 1972.

**Mr. Anderson:** While I agree with the minister that this is one of the general interests, I was talking about specific responsibility. May I ask the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development whether, in view of the fact there is no specific responsibility in this area on the National Energy Board to hold such hearings, his department, or the minister himself, will issue instructions that such hearings be held?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, under the Northwest Territories Act, we are authorized to hold hearings and we shall do so if necessary. However, we shall keep in contact at all times with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

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[English]

### GRAIN

#### RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT—SUGGESTED DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON DURING VISIT TO OTTAWA

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In the talks that the Prime Minister will be having with President Nixon during his visit to Canada in the middle of