

management are hopeful of being able to cancel an additional 25 notices of termination. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I have been assured that there are no current plans to give further notices of termination to either salaried or hourly paid employees.

• (2:30 p.m.)

Mr. Mac T. McCutcheon (Lambton-Kent): May I ask the minister if the government is thinking of or prepared to give a grant to cover wages and benefits for those who are not fortunate enough to be kept on?

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Speaker, as I have stated before, the government has a number of programs. What I have done is establish a group of senior officials to work closely with Polymer to maximize the benefits of various government programs, such as the employment support bill, the winter plan program and a number of other programs possibly PAIT, which can help Polymer to maintain employment.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest to hon. members that we are running short of time. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Lambton-Kent for one last supplementary and then try to go on because very soon we will have to call orders of the day.

Mr. McCutcheon: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could ask the minister to answer my question.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

EXPANDED ROLE FOR CAMP SHILO IN TRAINING OF FORCES OF NATO ALLIES

Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette): My question is for the Minister of National Defence. Can the minister indicate to the House whether the government has any plans or is contemplating an expanded role for Camp Shilo in the training of the forces of our NATO allies and, if so, have any agreements been signed?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, while no agreements have been signed, as the hon. member knows an investigatory team has been in Shilo for the past several weeks looking at the possibility of using it for artillery training. It will depend, of course, upon negotiation of an agreement. At the moment the matter is in the exploratory stage but we are hopeful.

RECONSIDERATION OF USE OF SUFFIELD MILITARY RESERVE BY BRITISH ARMY IN LIGHT OF ECOLOGICAL REPORT

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In light of the government's negative ecology report on the possible consequences of the British troop exercises in southern Alberta next spring, is the government taking a second look at going ahead with these tests and are arrangements with the British finalized?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): If I can answer on behalf of the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, the report rather than being negative indicated that with the exception of one or two sites on the Suffield reserve it could be effectively used for this purpose and it will be so used.

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of the Environment. In view of the statement he made on October 8 that the report would be tabled, is the minister now in a position to do so?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): I expect it will be tabled later this week, Mr. Speaker.

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UNITED NATIONS

ADMISSION OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—SITUATION RESPECTING TAIWAN

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): My question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the vote at the United Nations for the recognition of the People's Republic of China as the government of China with a permanent seat on the Security Council, will the minister say whether he accepts the view advanced by some quarters that Taiwan has been expelled or whether it is not the situation that Taiwan was never a member of the United Nations?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me that the question as asked is academic.

EXPULSION OF TAIWAN—CANADIAN ACTION TO RESTORE REPRESENTATION

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Now that Canada has voted at the United Nations to expel the *de facto* government of Taiwan from that body, what initiatives does the government intend to take to help restore proper representation at the United Nations for the 14 million people in Taiwan?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there is no government of Taiwan as far as I am aware. The government at Taipei claims to be the government of China and for that reason walked out of the General Assembly when the People's Republic of China was seated in the China seat.

Mr. Ryan: Canada did not take that position for 20 years—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Ryan:—and we have had an embassy of Taiwan in Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Ryan: Will the government—