Inquiries of the Ministry INDIAN AFFAIRS

FUTURE USE OF FORMER COQUALEETZA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the decision of the department of Indian and Eskimo affairs not to accept the Coqualeetza property in British Columbia for an Indian cultural and educational centre, can the minister say what plans his department now has for the disposal of this property?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I would advise the hon. member that the department is giving serious consideration to possible programs for renewed use of the property within the ambit of our own responsibility and for the benefit of the Indian people.

Mrs. MacInnis: Can the minister inform us when the decision will be made on the use to which this property is to be put?

Mr. Munro: Soon, I hope.

NATIONAL SECURITY

PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. As more than a year has passed since the Prime Minister undertook to provide a day for debating the royal commission report on security, could he now indicate to the House when that debate might occur?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I shall discuss this matter with the House leader, Mr. Speaker.

POLLUTION

OIL—EXTENT OF APPLICATION OF BRITISH LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF SHIPS

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): I have a question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that several countries protested to the Canadian government when the Canada Shipping Act was passed, can the Prime Minister state whether this government has protested the action of the British government recently in passing a bill dealing with oil pollution in which they proclaim their right to blow up vessels polluting their shores and even up to our own shores?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall take this question as notice.

[Mr. Speaker.]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

COMPULSORY TRANSFER FROM NON-TAXABLE WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCES TO TAXABLE GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT—APPLICATION OF TAX RELIEF TO 1971

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. In view of the hope that the Minister of Veterans Affairs has held out to veterans, especially those who are being forced to transfer from the non-taxable war veterans allowance to the taxable guaranteed income supplement, that something will be done this year to relieve their tax position, can the Minister of Finance give the assurance that any changes affecting the position of these veterans will apply to the year 1971?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I cannot indicate in advance in the House what the position of the government will be with respect to tax measures.

[Translation]

BROADCASTING

QUEBEC—REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING PROGRAMS OF RADIO-CANADA AND CTV-QUEBEC

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

In a news bulletin over the weekend, it was reported that the Quebec Minister of Communications requests, for the province, an advisory role in the programming of CBC and CTV-Quebec broadcasts. Can he tell us whether official representations have been made to him by the Minister of Communications in this regard?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

OIL

PROPOSED TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM—EFFECT OF STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the most welcome recent statement in Vancouver by the Leader of the Opposition on the tanker route problem on the west coast, which in effect repudiates the efforts of the Conservative House leader on March 18 to scuttle the efforts of Members of Parliament to examine the question in detail, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he has decided to follow suit and, in turn, repudiate the government House leader's misguided support of his Conservative colleague's action?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would point out to the hon. member that this question is more in the form of an argument.