

be considered in a few hours at the time of adjournment later today.

Mr. Aiken: May I ask a supplementary question?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Perhaps the supplementary might be included in the question the hon. member will ask this evening.

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Speaker, I do not very often argue about these things but, on a point of order, may I point out that every day we speak in this House about pollution and here is a research project that is being cancelled which might have provided an over-all alternative—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I cannot allow the hon. member on a point of order and on the ground of urgency to discuss the ruling that the question is out of order. This is the reason we instituted the rule which provides an opportunity to an hon. member to raise a matter at the time of adjournment. The hon. member says the matter is one of urgency. It may very well be one of extreme urgency. The Speaker has to make a rather quick decision on these matters and because he is often wrong in his assessment hon. members come back later in the day and put their questions in a more formal way at the time of adjournment. I hope at that time the hon. member will receive a detailed and satisfactory reply from the minister. I shall request the Clerk to put the hon. member's question at the top of the list to be considered before others later today.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

DATE OF BANNING OF DDT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I thought I was at the top of tonight's list.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): You were, Stanley.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I direct this question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has a firm date been set for the banning of DDT in Canada, and have the necessary arrangements been made to put this ban into effect?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I believe the government will be in a position to make a statement on this matter during the early part of next week.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister consult with his colleague the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry to see whether some alternative to the use of DDT might be developed?

Mr. Munro: These discussions have been under way for some time between all the departments involved.

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister whether any departments of the government are using DDT in various programs in provinces where the use of DDT is now illegal?

Mr. Munro: Not to my knowledge.

[*Translation*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

YUGOSLAVIA—PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND OTHER SUPPLIES FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE

Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would like to answer the question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin).

Canada did receive requests for help from two countries struck by disasters caused by natural forces, that is from Yugoslavia where there was an earthquake and from Tunisia where there were floods. For Yugoslavia, Canada gave \$15,000 to the International Red Cross through the Canadian Red Cross which also donated \$23,000.

For Tunisia, Canada gave \$15,000 to the International Red Cross through the Canadian Red Cross which gave an additional \$15,000. In addition, the CIDA has granted a sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of equipment which will be sent in Tunisia.

We are waiting for an official request for food from the Tunisian government and we intend to consider it favourably. It will be, of course, a shipment of wheat or flour.

[*English*]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

GRANT FOR FRIENDSHIP CENTRES

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. I understand that officials of the Secretary of State's department submitted a presentation to cabinet several months ago requesting an increase in the federal grant to the Indian and Métis friendship centres. Can