

the Minister of Supply and Services. In light of the difficulties apparently developing in the aircraft industry in Montreal, will he give some assurance that before the repair contracts affecting Argus and Tracker aircraft are renegotiated every effort will be made to make sure that that business stays in the Atlantic provinces?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, the repair and overhaul of the Tracker and Argus aircraft will be placed either by the company that takes over the Fairey Aviation Plant or, if that negotiation is not successful, this repair and overhaul work will be placed elsewhere.

#### NATIONAL FILM BOARD

##### INQUIRY AS TO CLOSING OF BRANDON OFFICE

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Is the National Film Board office located in Brandon, Manitoba, and serving western Manitoba scheduled to close at the end of the month? If so, is it the intention of the government to discontinue this service in rural Manitoba.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that this very important question normally should be placed on the Order Paper. If there is urgency, as there appears to be, it can be considered at the time of adjournment.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** With respect, Your Honour, this matter has been raised from time to time in the House and questions have always been allowed. The service was discontinued last January and was reinstated, and the urgency arises from the fact—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member argues that there is urgency. That is why there is a rule in the Standing Orders providing that when there is urgency the matter can be given priority and discussed at the time of adjournment.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

#### CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

##### REFUSAL OF BENEFITS BY BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTER

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that ten days have elapsed since the minister promised action on the refusal of his counterpart in British Columbia to give

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social assistance to those who are unemployed by reason of strike or lockout, and in view of further written evidence that government officials there are still receiving instructions to refuse such assistance, can the minister say what action he proposes to take to provide these men and their families with the help to which they are legally entitled?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** We have just about completed our assessment of the information we have. Once this assessment is complete, if we find there appears to have been a breach of the provisions of the Canada Assistance Plan I shall take the matter up with Mr. Gaglardi whom I hope to meet in the next week or so.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** A supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member but we are running short of time and I suggest that supplementaries might be held in reserve until tomorrow.

#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

##### TORONTO—PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT METRO —COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** I have a question for the Secretary of State. It concerns a project in Toronto known as project metro in which the CBC is reported to have a part. Can the minister tell us whether the CBC has in fact decided to take part in this project and, if a decision has already been made, whether or not the delay in beginning this work is due to the fact that his cabinet colleagues have not decided to grant the money necessary for this arrangement?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I will have to secure information on the specifics of this question before I answer the hon. member.

[*English*]

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE

##### YELLOWKNIFE—PRESENCE OF ARSENIC IN LEAF VEGETABLES

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** I direct this question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It is of concern to his colleague the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the statement of the