

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****MAINLAND CHINA—POSSIBILITY OF
RECOGNITION**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. My question is based on an address given by the Minister of Veterans Affairs on behalf of the Prime Minister to the council of world veterans federations in Toronto yesterday. I may say the minister did himself proud. His address was well received and he delivered it very well. I am quoting from the remarks of the minister:

For the UN to secure a valid mandate to intervene with effect anywhere in the world, its membership should include states everywhere in the world.

My question is, will the minister inform the house, in view of past government policy, what the government is undertaking at this time to promote the recognition of mainland China and its admission to the United Nations?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This question seems to be of a very general nature. I suggest to the hon. member it cannot be asked in this form at this time.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**MEDICARE—POSSIBLE INTEGRATION WITH
ONTARIO PLAN**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare, and is based on reports concerning the limited enrolment taking place in OMSIP, the Ontario medical services insurance plan. Are discussions taking place between the federal government and the Ontario government concerning the possibility of integrating OMSIP and the federal government's medicare program?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Following the federal-provincial conference held early in the year there was an exchange of correspondence between me and the minister of health for Ontario with respect to further elaboration of the federal proposals. Since that correspondence there have been no further discussions at the ministerial level. I will investigate whether discussions have taken place between my officials and the officials of the health department of Ontario.

[Mr. Drury.]

AGRICULTURE**REQUEST FOR WHITE PAPER ON
NATIONAL POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. R. Schreyer (Springfield): My question is addressed to the Minister of Agriculture. His colleague the Minister of Forestry was reported as having said in Winnipeg last week that the government was working hard to produce a white paper on national agriculture policy. Can the minister say whether a white paper on agriculture policy will be tabled in the next 60 days or so?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): I make no commitments that have any 60 day connotation in them.

Mr. Ricard: Are you speaking from experience?

Mr. Schreyer: May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are the minister and his colleagues in fact working on a white paper on national agriculture policy?

Mr. Speaker: I do not believe that question, in the way it is put, is acceptable. The hon. member may either put it on the order paper or discuss it on the adjournment debate.

Mr. Schreyer: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

SUPPLY

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee of supply.

**MORALITY IN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT
—NEED FOR REFORM**

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): Mr. Speaker, the institution of parliament is on trial and we who are its present members, I submit, are in danger of being accused of standing by while what some think of as its splendid purposes are destroyed by those whose conception of its role is narrow and mean. Bruce Hutchison in the *Ottawa Journal* for April 30 last wrote in another context, but the application of his words is relevant:

. . . the largest question in the western world remains unanswered. It is whether, against the proliferating state, the individual can survive; whether the collective roof will fall in, under its own weight, and crush the private human beings who built it. Some day, perhaps, our politicians will get around to thinking about these matters but at the moment they are otherwise engaged in their jolly sham battle fought with spitballs and mud.