

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Kierans:** They are going out at this time. We had to prepare a complete accounting of the amount that was owed and therefore had to apply to the Treasury Board to obtain approval for the total amount. This has been obtained and the cheques are going out this week and next week.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON BASE CONSOLIDATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Defence. Is he planning in the near future to make a statement regarding the consolidation of Canadian military bases, a matter which he and his department have been studying recently?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, this matter will have to be considered in cabinet before I can make any statement on the Canadian base posture. The study is concluded within the department and we are now preparing a submission to the cabinet in that respect. Following that I expect I will be able to make some announcements.

**Mr. Hees:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister bear in mind the fact that a number of bases have been anxiously awaiting a decision by the government in this regard, and would he do his best to hurry it up?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****STEPS TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the request of the health minister of Ontario that medical schools increase the turnout of physicians, has the minister reached any decision on the virtue of continuing the health services grant for medical complexes beyond 1970?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is asking the minister to give a statement of policy. I suggest to him that that cannot be done now.

[Mr. MacEwan.]

**OLD AGE SECURITY****REQUEST FOR PENSION INCREASE TO EQUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is he now in a position to answer the question I asked yesterday in his absence? If I may summarize it briefly, it is as follows. Will the government give consideration to proposing an amendment to the Old Age Security Act to make it possible for the cost of living increase in pensions to reflect the full amount of the cost of living increase rather than being limited to 2 per cent in any one year?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I indicated previously that this matter was not one of our priorities for this year.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since this year is almost finished could this matter be considered in the new year, or could it not at least be included in the review of social welfare matters that the minister's department is undertaking?

**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, I believe it is fair to say it is included in the review.

[Translation]

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****MONTREAL—INQUIRY AS TO CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the President of the Treasury Board.

Could the hon. minister tell us whether the Treasury Board has approved an expenditure of about \$40 million to allow the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to continue the work on Place Radio-Canada in Montreal?

My question is in two parts, Mr. Speaker. First, has the Treasury Board already approved the expenditure and, if so, what amount has been approved?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. minister could perhaps answer the first part of the question.

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** This question is on the agenda of the meeting which will take place later on this week.