

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Pigeon:** What steps does the minister intend to take to assist the people of Quebec who are the creditors in this situation?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member is perhaps making a noteworthy attempt to enlarge the jurisdiction of the federal government, but I do not see that his question comes under the responsibility of the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

**MANITOBA**

## NEW SITE FOR TOWN OF CHURCHILL

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Bonavista-Twillington):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put to the Minister of Public Works a question which was passed to him by his colleague the Minister of Transport on Friday last, and ask the minister whether he has any report to make to the house on any plans or proposals there may be for moving the townsite of Churchill, Manitoba.

**Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, that matter has been under consideration. Inasmuch as it is a matter which primarily involves the province of Manitoba, and inasmuch as consultations are under way at the present time and no decision has been reached, I am unable to make any further statement.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister able to state whether these consultations will be concluded at an early date?

**Mr. Walker:** When they are concluded, Mr. Speaker, a report will be made to the house.

**POWER**

## PEACE RIVER—APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice in view of his knowledge of and responsibility for this matter. Could the minister say whether an official application has been received from the British Columbia government or an agency of that government for a federal permit authorizing the construction of a dam or dams on the Peace river? If so, what is the present status of the application?

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for sending me notice of his intention to ask this question, but as I entered the building

only a few moments ago I did not have time to check in detail. Therefore the only answer I can give is that to my knowledge no application has been received. I shall ask my colleague the Minister of Public Works whether he has knowledge of such an application, which would probably be directed to him officially.

**Mr. Winch:** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Minister of Public Works as a supplementary question?

**Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works):** Up to the moment no application has been received.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## OUTER SPACE—SUGGESTED JOINT DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Arthur Smith (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he would care to comment on the message sent by Chairman Khrushchev to President Kennedy suggesting that the United States and Russia might pool their effort in the development of outer space for peaceful uses.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, according to the press today Mr. Khrushchev sent a message in that sense to the President of the United States and suggested there should be co-operation of a scientific, technical and material nature between these two nations in outer space.

As the house will recall, this is a matter which I had the honour of bringing before the United Nations in September, 1960. On an earlier occasion I spoke of this to the Canadian Bar Association and put forward the proposition that in view of the tremendous potentialities in outer space for good and evil, action should be taken among the nations before it is too late to achieve the means to ensure to all nations, great or small, sovereign equality in outer space and, as well, to ensure that outer space will be used for scientific and peaceful purposes. It was also suggested on behalf of Canada that international agreement should be reached as soon as possible on the use of outer space entirely for peaceful purposes, regulating against its use for military purposes.

Anything that may be done to advance such an agreement will certainly receive Canada's support. It is one of the most outstanding problems facing mankind. After what happened yesterday and the two previous flights that were made by U.S.S.R. astronauts, it must be generally considered by mankind that now is the time to prevent developments