Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): didate for the New Democratic party. We have not yet replied to his letter.

(Translation):

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PAYMENTS TO PAUL LACOSTE AND NORMAN HUDON

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of National Revenue.

Could he give the house the fantastic amounts paid by the C.B.C. to Messrs. Paul Lacoste and Norman Hudon, one of whom is recognized as anticonfessional and the other is a Liberal fanatic?

Mr. M. J. A. Lambert (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, everyone knows that, as a matter of policy, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation does not give any information about fees, contracts or amounts paid to the performers or employees who work for it.

(Text):

HOUSE OF COMMONS

INQUIRY CONCERNING STATUS OF CONSTITUENCY OF KAMLOOPS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. M. W. Martin (Timmins): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Justice but, in his absence, perhaps the Prime Minister can answer it. Would the Prime Minister care to comment on a headline contained in a well known Conservative newspaper to the effect that Kamloops is now considered to be a Liberal riding?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question does not relate to the official responsibility of the Prime Minister.

TRADE

URANIUM-INQUIRY AS TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED KINGDOM

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): I wonder whether the Minister of Trade and Commerce could perhaps now confirm the statement made by the parliamentary secretary some weeks ago to the effect that the uranium contract with the United Kingdom would be signed during the month of April?

[Mr. Herridge.]

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade Mr. Speaker, I received a letter on Friday and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I think the from a gentleman by the name of Malcolm statement he made was that he hoped the MacInnis who since Saturday last is a can- uranium contract will be signed before the end of April. That is a statement I made in the house when I was asked next day what my comments on the situation were.

> EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET-VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether Professor Hallstein, who is, I believe, president of the council of the European economic community and who is now in Washington discussing relations between the United States and the community, will be visiting Ottawa during the course of his visit to North America?

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether he will but if he does I am very happy to be able to assure the house that I will be very glad to see him if he would like to see me.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister of Finance say if it is a fact that he has indicated to Professor Hallstein that there would be no good purpose in the latter coming to Canada at this time?

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): No, Mr. Speaker. The guess and conjecture of the hon. member for Essex East are as wild as usual.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): A supplementary question. In view of the fact that Professor Hallstein is discussing matters having to do with the relationship between the United States and the European economic community, does the minister not think that the government of Canada should take the step of inviting Professor Hallstein to come here and discuss matters that are now being discussed with the President of the United States, who is giving some leadership in this matter?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Speaker, Professor Hallstein has visited Ottawa before-

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Years ago.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Not many years

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Two years ago.