

Inquiries of the Ministry

the attention of the postal authorities which would justify closing or interfering with the use of the box in question by the gentleman who rented it and who has been using it for the past three years.

On the same subject, Mr. Speaker, may I say that in the course of their investigations the postal authorities in Toronto learned some days ago that, in addition to postal box 431, which was closed on January 13, and the box in St. Catharines which I mentioned earlier, the 19 year old youth to whom I referred last week in answer to a question put by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition had leased a third postal box in Toronto, and it also has been used for the distribution of this objectionable literature. That box also was closed some days ago.

AIR TRANSPORT**SUBMISSION BY MANITOBA RESPECTING NATIONAL POLICY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Enns (Portage-Neepawa): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transport. It arises out of a similar question asked by the hon. member for Winnipeg South about a week ago today regarding a submission from the Manitoba government in respect to a national air policy. Will the minister assure the house that the province will be consulted prior to the finalizing of a national air policy for Canada?

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I do not think this is a matter about which one would expect to have a federal-provincial conference, but I would naturally be interested to have the views of any provincial government or those of any other interested person who has any views on the appropriate national air policy for our country. I assure the hon. member that I wrote to Mr. Evans after reading his submission and asked for some more copies, so it would be sure to be studied thoroughly by all those concerned with the devising of any amendments that may be required to the air policy.

AGRICULTURE**DIELDRIN—USE AS GRASSHOPPER SPRAY**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. O. Cooper (Rosetown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. It refers to the use of dieldrin as a grasshopper spray on cereal crops. Since I asked the question last session Manitoba has abandoned the use of dieldrin. Has the minister received any report from the people concerned with the

Food and Drugs Act as to the effects of this dangerous poison on human beings as well as on cattle?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must intervene here. This type of question demands a detailed answer, which I believe could better be given on the order paper.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT OF YUKON QUARTZ MINING ACT**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Could the minister inform the house when the amendments to the Yukon Quartz Mining Act, designed to stimulate prospecting and pending now for over a year, will be brought before the house?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, we have some hope that they will be brought before the house this session.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT OF DEBATE ON BUDGET**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister, and it is based on the hope which he expressed yesterday that the bill respecting the Canada pension plan might receive second reading and be sent to a parliamentary committee before the Easter recess. My question is, will the government consider postponing either all or part of the six day budget debate until after the Easter recess, so we can get some pieces of legislation such as the Canada pension plan and one or two other items through before the Easter recess?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is still possible, I hope, for this house to deal with the resolution and second reading of the bill respecting the Canada pension plan and at the same time have at least half the budget debate and dispose of the amendments before the Easter recess.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Prime Minister intend to press for the passing of the bill concerning the Canada pension plan before the Quebec legislative assembly has the opportunity to introduce its own pension plan?