

Inquiries of the Ministry

anniversary of the declaration of human rights, as a year when we raised with the provinces at the federal-provincial conference in February the matter of putting into the constitution a charter of human liberties. We will be discussing it also next week. We hope the people of Canada will support us, and indeed the opposition parties too, in this very important endeavour.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**INQUIRY AS TO IMPROVEMENT IN INDIAN SERVICES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Following the minister's return from his tour of Indian reservations, where he apparently found inadequate health services, is he going to make a statement to the house outlining the proposals he will be suggesting by way of improvements for Indians living on reservations?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I had not planned to do so, Mr. Speaker, but I indicated previously in the house, in answer to questions from several hon. members, that we were reviewing the question of Indian health and were making improvements. I think many hon. members have a general idea what those improvements are.

Mr. Korchinski: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In his statement to the news media the minister indicated that he was going to make some proposals in respect of changes. Would he immediately enlighten the house as to what these proposals may be?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's first question was quite in order. He asked whether the minister was going to make a statement. I gather that the minister has replied to that question.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister's statement that he is improving the health services for Indians include the proper staffing of the Charles Camsell hospital in Edmonton, which has reached the point where it is non-effective in certain sections?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): The allegation is there.

[Mr. Trudeau.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REPRESENTATIONS TO CHINA RESPECTING CONFINEMENT OF JOURNALIST**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Will the government give consideration to making representations to the government of the People's Republic of China in respect of the case of the journalist, Mr. Anthony Grey of Reuters, who has been kept in close confinement, I believe, for a year and five months by the Chinese government?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman knows, we do not have diplomatic representation with the People's Republic of China. It is our objective to try to attain a mutual recognition. We are very concerned about the internment of this gentleman. I do not know whether it would help very much if we were to make representations through other channels, but I can assure the house that we share the hon. member's concern about this gentleman and will do everything we can to help.

Mr. Brewin: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Secretary of State for External Affairs consider getting a message by some means to the government of the People's Republic of China saying that this breach of fundamental human rights might damage the future good relations between Canada and that government?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I take it that the minister has noted the hon. member's suggestion.

AIR CANADA**POSSIBLE EFFECT ON SAFETY OF WORK DISPUTE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Yesterday I directed a question to the Prime Minister concerning hazards to safety owing to the work to rule program being carried out by some members of the staff of Air Canada. The Prime Minister at that time undertook to look into the matter. Since then several instances have been reported to me of aircraft landing and, because of this work to rule program, apparently being unable to discharge passengers at the proper location,