

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Davis: We intend to make a statement shortly, perhaps within the next ten days, summarizing all the facts which have been collected by our staff on the spot.

POLLUTION OF CANADA-U.S. BOUNDARY
WATERS

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): My question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Speaker. Is the government following its customary policy of consultation and consideration, or is some Canadian initiative being shown in dealing with alleged d.d.t. pollution of the Great Lakes to such an extent as to cause American states bordering these waters to take legislative action?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): There is continuing negotiation with our United States counterparts at the level of the International Joint Commission and also through my department. Any legislation which is contemplated in this regard would, of course, be announced in the house in the normal manner.

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): In view of the fact that special concern has been caused over the weekend by this d.d.t. problem, have there been any further negotiations with the United States authorities?

Mr. Greene: I am not aware of any specific special negotiations in this regard which have occurred since the weekend, but I shall take the question as notice and if there has been any special association or negotiations with our United States counterparts in this connection I shall be pleased to inform the hon. member.

POLLUTION BY D.D.T. OF INLAND FISHERY

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): In view of the seriousness of this problem can the minister tell us whether the government has considered testing fish in all inland waters to ascertain whether the effect of d.d.t. is dangerous in terms of accepted public levels?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Specific testing of this kind would likely fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of Fisheries, but I shall be pleased to take note of the question and advise the hon. member whether any special testing is being done.

[Mr. Crouse.]

HARBOURS

IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): I have a question for the Minister of Transport concerning administration of small boat harbours on the Pacific coast. Will the minister make a statement to the house on motions at his earliest convenience indicating what steps, if any, have been taken since the summary of the report on harbour administration was issued on May 1, 1968, to implement the recommendations put forward by Dr. T. G. How with regard to this important and urgent matter?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

AIR TRANSPORT

DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY AFFECTING
REGIONAL CARRIERS

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): My question is for the Minister of Transport, Mr. Speaker. Now that the regional air carriers have demonstrated during the recent air transportation crisis their competence in serving the people of Canada, will the government be formally implementing the regional air policy as it was enunciated in 1965?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I am sure we are all pleased that the regional carriers performed so well. I think we all owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Jamieson: However this particular incident has not made any difference to our planning in connection with regional air policy, and such plans will be announced in due course.

Mr. Dinsdale: Will the regional carriers continue to operate on routes for which they had applied prior to the Air Canada strike, and which were approved to meet the exigencies of the moment?

Mr. Jamieson: I would not be able to answer that question without knowing the precise routes involved. If the hon. gentleman is prepared to indicate the routes in which he is interested I will be glad to give an answer.