

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members should resume their seats. I will recognize hon. members on supplementary questions. I hope they will be questions and not speeches.

**Mr. William Skoreyko (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether he is prepared to review the decision of the president of the CRTC in respect of this matter?

[Translation]

**Mr. Pelletier:** Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Radio-Television Commission is an agency established by the Canadian parliament, vested with a high degree of autonomy, and quite rightly so. However, this does not mean that the Broadcasting Act precludes action being taken by the Governor in Council, or guidelines being given to the CRTC.

What I would ask hon. members opposite to take into consideration is—

[English]

**An hon. Member:** He is behind you.

[Translation]

**Mr. Pelletier:** That one too if you like, yes. But I believe the others are more inclined to do so, and that would be to carefully go into the decision and the supporting whys and wherefores submitted by the CRTC before passing judgment. At any rate, that is my own policy.

[English]

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this further supplementary to the Prime Minister. First I should like to congratulate him on his great kick-off at the Grey Cup game. Second, I should like him to kick off this question. In view of the CRTC decision, is he allowing this arrogant body to dictate policies to his government?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary and is directed to the Secretary of State. Will he inquire of the CRTC to ascertain whether its latest decision will further delay access to second channel service in many parts of western Canada?

[Translation]

**Mr. Pelletier:** Mr. Speaker, I could put the question to the CRTC.

[Mr. Speaker.]

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

## ACCIDENT CAUSED BY SPILLING OF SULPHURIC ACID FROM TOY CAR

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Since I have the floor, Mr. Speaker, I would like to answer a question addressed to me the other day by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley, concerning a C.B.C. producer allegedly fired following an unaired program. I simply wish to relay to the hon. member the answer which I received from the C.B.C., namely that because the matter is being discussed at this moment between the legal adviser of the C.B.C. and that of the producer, and that the Corporation is threatened with court action, any particular on that situation could jeopardize seriously the successful outcome of those discussions.

[English]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE  
—POSITION OF GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. In light of conflicting reports on Canada's attitude to the proposed European security conference, will he disclose to the House whether the Canadian government will, at the NATO council meeting, encourage or discourage such a conference which might lead to the dissolution of NATO and the Warsaw Pact and a reduction in the balance of forces in Europe?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will have to refer the question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

[Translation]

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

RECOGNITION OF SHERBROOKE AREA AS  
DESIGNATED REGION

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

Could he tell us whether he has taken into consideration the representations made to him by the city of Sherbrooke and by the Eastern Townships industrial committee, to the effect that Sherbrooke and the surrounding area should be considered a designated area?

**Mr. Speaker:** May I suggest to the hon. member that this question should normally be put on the order paper or considered at the time of adjournment. If there is any urgency,