

Inquiries of the Ministry

confidence in government policies and disagreement with them?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Brewin: What was the result of that consideration?

Mr. Trudeau: The result I announced to the house, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): In view of the resignation of the Minister of Transport, will it now be possible to get Bill Lee through the Prime Minister's switchboard?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

SPORTS

NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM—CO-OPERATION FROM N.H.L. TEAMS

Mr. C. Terrence Murphy (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the urgency of planning now, if our National Hockey team is to make a creditable showing in next year's competitions, and in view of the recent announcement that Toronto Maple Leafs will make three of their players available for the team next year, can the minister tell the house if this type of co-operation is expected from the Montreal team?

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I always hesitate to refuse questions relating to hockey. Perhaps this one might be adjourned until ten o'clock.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF VISIT AT CHURCHILL

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. I refer to the current visit of His Excellency the Governor General to the northern regions of Canada. In that connection would the government consider suggesting a more lengthy visit to the town of Churchill, Manitoba, than is presently contemplated?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on these questions I give very general advice to the Governor General.

[Mr. Brewin.]

PUBLIC SERVICE

UNDUE EXTENSION OF BILINGUAL REQUIREMENTS

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister which arises out of recent extramural statements made by his parliamentary secretary. Was the parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister stating the view of the government when he said that departmental directives have pushed civil servant bilingual requirements beyond the intent of the legislation by parliament.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. The hon. member knows that questions asked about statements made outside the house may only be put where they relate to statements made by ministers. I would not think this rule extends to parliamentary secretaries. I will say no more.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR RETURN OF SIX-DAY MAIL DELIVERY AND COUNTER SERVICE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Communications in his capacity as Postmaster General. I ask it seriously and hope he will give it serious consideration. Since there are now only three days in the week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when we can mail letters with any assurance they will be delivered promptly, will the minister take a new look at the entire question of the five-day delivery week and review the possibility of re-establishing a six-day delivery.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, would the minister like to discuss this question some night at ten o'clock?

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): May I direct a supplementary question to the Postmaster General, Mr. Speaker. While he is considering this matter would he also consider keeping post office counters or lobbies open on a six day a week basis.

Mr. Kierans: Mr. Speaker, they are already open on a six day a week basis in many areas.