

**Mr. Max Saltsman (Waterloo):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Solicitor General. In view of the growing incidence of glue sniffing and its serious effects, will he introduce amendments to the Criminal Code making glue sniffing an unlawful act subject to control by law enforcement agencies?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I will take the hon. gentleman's suggestion under consideration.

[Later:]

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Solicitor General which is supplementary to the questions asked earlier today regarding matters affecting juveniles, questions having to do with glue sniffing, and so on. Is the government considering the introduction at this session of legislation along the lines of a juvenile act similar to the draft that was presented to us in the last session by the minister's predecessor, the hon. Mr. Pennell?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, new legislation is in the course of preparation, though I do not think the bill will be called the juvenile act; at least, I do not expect it will. Owing to the amount of business before the house I doubt very much that we will be able to receive it at this session. The matter is progressing quite well.

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PLANE

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. It arises from an answer given previously in the house and the fact that today, October 15, is the deadline for Canada to join the European fighter aircraft consortium. Will the Minister of National Defence say what decision has been made by the government in this respect?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** There is no decision yet, Mr. Speaker. The extension to October 15 has been further extended to November 1.

**Mr. Harkness:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister expect to make a statement in this regard in the house prior to November 1?

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** I expect so, Mr. Speaker.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### NIGERIA—TERMS OF REFERENCE OF OBSERVER TEAM

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the suggestion made in the most recent report of the observers' team in Nigeria that the organization of their operation leaves something to be desired in respect of the efficacy of the operation, will the government give consideration to changing the terms of reference of the observer team?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I read this morning the report of the visit of the observers team to the third Nigerian marine commando division. As soon as I read the remarks in which the observers themselves suggested that their operation should be extended in this way I gave instructions that we should send a message to the Nigerian government supporting the suggestion and saying that we were ready to supply additional observers.

#### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

##### REQUEST FOR DELAY OF LEGISLATION RESPECTING NEWSPAPER RATES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Postmaster General. Since Bill No. C-116 will have a direct effect on the distribution of the *Halifax Chronicle-Herald* and its 33,000 readers who receive their paper by mail each day, will the minister postpone second reading of the bill until this Canadian newspaper and others drastically affected have an opportunity to present their case?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I will allow the question although its basis is perhaps not correct. I understand that a number of hon. members have made similar representations. I do not think the basis of the question is in order but in any event I will allow the minister to reply.

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):** No, Mr. Speaker. As soon as the matter can be brought before the house I would welcome a debate. At the present time, of course, newspapers across the country are greatly exercised by the increases proposed for second class mail. I might remind hon. members that