

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, would the minister advise if automation will proceed to the extent of dispensing with the office of the Postmaster General.

**Mr. Kierans:** I would enjoy it.

### FINANCE

#### REQUEST FOR GRANT BY UNITED BLACK FRONT

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, this question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I welcome him back from God's country. As a direct result of his visit, particularly to the Dartmouth area, and following discussions both in Nova Scotia and with the Black United Front, does he propose to make any particular recommendation to his colleague the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest the question is not in order. The hon. member is asking the minister whether he intends to make representations to another minister. The question may not be asked in this way.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Mr. Speaker, if I may rephrase the question I would ask the minister whether he contemplates any action as a result of his visit to the area of Dartmouth.

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I can advise the hon. member that my colleague the Secretary of State and myself and our respective departments are getting together with regard to the details of a grant that will be of assistance to the Black United Front.

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRIEF RECOMMENDING NEWFOUNDLAND PERMANENT FORCE

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Prime Minister. Could the Prime Minister indicate whether he has received a comprehensive brief from the provincial command of the Royal Canadian Legion in Newfoundland recommending a permanent force for that area, and if so would he indicate his response.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the question is of a paper that should be placed on the order paper, unless there is a matter of urgency involved.

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member might consider asking another question, because I have suggested the question he has asked could not be answered at the present time. The hon. member may wish to ask a related question.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Speaker, as a related question, may I ask either the Prime Minister or the Minister of National Defence to make a statement on motions in the very near future to indicate the exact extent of Russian activity off the coast of Newfoundland, and relate this to the matter of a defence force for that area.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### SPEECH OF CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AT D-DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

**Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Will he table a copy of the speech made by the Canadian Ambassador to France on Friday last, in connection with the D-Day celebrations in Normandy. I have a considerable number of questions in regard to this matter which I should like to direct to the Secretary of State for External Affairs as soon as he returns to the house, but I think it would be advisable first to have a copy of the speech.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, this will be done tomorrow.

[*English*]

### FLOODS

#### TRAIL, B.C.—REQUEST FOR SHARED COST CONTROL PROGRAM

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. In view of the recent disastrous flood in the Trail area, will the Department of Public Works assist in a shared cost program with the provincial government for flood control work on the creek which caused the trouble?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps the question might be placed on the order paper.