

Inquiries of the Ministry

military aid to those countries which continued to trade with Cuba. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether his government will give support to this position of the United States by returning the Bomarc missiles?

[Translation]

Mr. Gerard Perron (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Would he outline the duties and responsibilities, in his cabinet as well as before the house, of his one and only Minister without Portfolio?

Hon. Yvon Dupuis (Minister without Portfolio): He is not the one and only; there are two. The hon. member is ill-informed, as usual.

[Translation]

Mr. Gerard Chapdelaine (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Justice in his capacity as house leader?

Will the hon. member for Three Rivers be recognized by the government as deputy to the Leader of the Opposition, or Quebec leader, or merely as member of the house for Three Rivers?

[Text]

Some hon. Members: Answer.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works.

In view of the fact that Canada now has a new Sir Georges-Etienne Cartier, does the minister intend to remove Sir Georges-Etienne Cartier's statue that stands at present on parliament hill?

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REASONS FOR INCREASE IN SALARY OF PRESIDENT

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Theogene Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagoit): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Could he tell the house what standards were used to justify the raise given to the chairman of the C.B.C., whose salary was increased from \$20,000 to \$40,000?

[Text]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I do not think I should be asked to answer a question of that nature on orders of the day.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Lake St. John.

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John): Mr. Speaker, I thank you for having noticed that I had stood up several times; however, my question has already been asked by another member.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

FLUORIDATION—INQUIRY AS TO GOVERNMENT ACTION ON REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare what action, if any, she intends to take on the report on fluoridation written by J. R. Marier, Dr. Dyson Rose and Dr. Marcel Boulet, referred to in the *Globe and Mail* of today.

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, no government action is contemplated at this time. The article in question was brought to my attention a few weeks ago when it first received Canadian attention. It has been discussed with the members of my department as well as with members of the national research council. It is not contemplated that any action will be taken.

SUGAR

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON REVIEW OF SITUATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the continued public concern over the price of sugar, and in view of the boycott threat by the consumers of British Columbia, I wonder if the minister would report on the outcome or progress of the review of the sugar situation which his department undertook last fall.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I would be happy to do so, but it is in the nature of a report and it will take me perhaps five minutes to read it.

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt, but it seems to me we need all the available time for quick questions and responsible answers.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Could there be agreement, Mr. Speaker, that the minister be allowed to table the answer? I think this is information which the house ought to have.