

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Russian fishing fleet to pay greater attention to the rules of the road when fishing on Canada's continental shelf?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, we have made representations along those lines to several countries. I think the situation is better than it was and I hope it will continue to improve to an even greater extent.

DAMAGE TO FISHING GEAR BY RUSSIAN VESSELS—  
CONSIDERATION AT ICNAF CONFERENCE

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Inasmuch as after the last series of incidents off the east coast involving Russian ships it was suggested by the Russians to our fisheries inspection people at the time that this matter should be taken up at the next meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries may I ask the minister if Canada pursued this matter at the recently concluded ICNAF meeting in Washington and if any agreement was arrived at with the Soviet Union on rules of the road in fishing on the Grand Banks?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will inquire from the members of the delegation and answer that question when I have the information.

PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT GUERRILLA SCHOOL—  
INQUIRY AS TO TRAINING OF CANADIANS OR CANADIAN  
RESIDENTS

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, can the Secretary of State for External Affairs advise the House whether or not there are any Canadians or Canadian residents who have been trained by the Palestinian Liberation Front at the guerilla school in Lebanon, the school where those persons responsible for the terrible tragedy at Tel Aviv airport were trained?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know the answer to that question, and I do not know whether I will be able to get the information because I do not think those people publicize their activities.

**Mr. Hellyer:** Would the minister inquire of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and advise the House whether they have any knowledge of Canadians or Canadian residents who were trained in Lebanon in that school?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to give that undertaking because it may be that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will consider that it is not in the public interest nor in the interest of the security of Canada to reveal any information that they possess.

[Mr. Crouse.]

## DRUGS

LE DAIN REPORT ON MARIJUANA—INQUIRY AS TO  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POSITION  
RESPECTING RECOMMENDATIONS

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. When does he expect to make an announcement with respect to the report of the Le Dain Commission on marijuana?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot announce a specific time except to advise the hon. member that we are studying the report and rushing the matter as quickly as possible. I hope to be in a position soon to make recommendations to my colleagues in the government. However, I cannot say precisely when that will be.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Is the minister aware that every day's delay is instrumental in attracting more and more young people to attempt to use marijuana because of the semi-endorsement that was given by the Le Dain Commission when it suggested that use of marijuana be permitted by law and that there is great need to clear up the situation?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that the hon. member has made a representation. The hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

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## POST OFFICE

INQUIRY AS TO IMPROVEMENTS IN MAIL DELIVERY IN  
LIGHT OF PRIVATE SERVICE BETWEEN CALGARY AND  
EDMONTON

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General and arises from the setting up of the special mail service between Calgary and Edmonton by the province of Alberta with a resultant annual saving of \$100,000 compared with the cost of the service formerly provided by the Post Office Department. When will the minister announce to the House the improvements in service that he referred to in his recent speech at Vancouver?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** Mr. Speaker, following the press release put out by the government of Alberta regarding savings of up to \$100,000 a year by using a courier service, we made inquiries and found that our postal service between Edmonton and Calgary is excellent. Assured mail delivery works at 98 per cent efficiency. We have four trucks that travel daily between the two cities. The facts are that the different Alberta government departments were hiring different couriers to transport their mail between the two cities. The government has now decided to reorganize and hire the services of only one courier. Therefore we will not lose any business. It is just a matter of reorganization within the Alberta government.