Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): May I ask a supplementary question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can he say if the government is now in a position to indicate whether it proposes to support sanctions against Katanga by the United Nations?

Mr. Green: Mr. Speaker, at the moment there is no question of sanctions against Katanga, and we will have to see what happens if action of that kind is proposed. As a matter of fact Katanga, as the hon. member knows, is a province or district of the Congo, which makes it an entirely different situation.

[Later:]

Mr. Robert W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs supplementary to the question asked by the hon. member for York South. In view of the fact that the minister stated that the resolution on Portugal was too broad for the Canadian delegation to support, did the Canadian delegation give consideration to any other type of resolution on this subject which they could support, thus showing some condemnation of Portugal?

Mr. Green: Mr. Speaker, Canada's position with regard to the conduct of Portugal in Angola is very clearly known at the United Nations. We have been against it throughout.

HUNGARY—RESOLUTION RESPECTING SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs what stand the Canadian delegation will take at the United Nations regarding the United States resolution to abolish the post of United Nations special representative to Hungary.

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): That vote is coming up this afternoon, I think, and Canada will be supporting the United States resolution.

Mr. Haidasz: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question. Does the minister not think that voting for this resolution will abandon the Hungarian people to further communist domination of their country?

Mr. Green: No, Mr. Speaker, I do not think any such thing. Jurisdiction to carry on will rest with the secretary general.

[Mr. Green.]

HEALTH AND WELFARE

TRIFLUOPERAZINE—POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH CONGENITAL DEFORMITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. E. Walker (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As reported in the press, has the drug directorate asked other countries whether they have any evidence connecting trifluoperazine with congenital deformities?

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have been in touch with other countries trying to get firm information as to their experience in this respect.

Mr. Walker: A supplementary question. Is this urgent information sought by letter or by telephone?

Mr. Monteith: Most of it by cable, Mr. Speaker.

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO RADIOACTIVE FALL-OUT EFFECT IN NORTHERN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the minister aware of the resolution sent to his department by the technical committee for caribou preservation requesting a federal investigation into radioactive fall-out effects on humans and animals in northern Canada, where Alaskan Eskimos were found to have a level of strontium 90 four times higher than in average citizens south of the border?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the hon, member will recognize that his question is one for the order paper.

POWER

COLUMBIA RIVER—MEETING TO DISCUSS DOWNSTREAM BENEFITS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister a question of which I have not given him notice. Have any arrangements been made for representatives of the federal government, the government of British Columbia and the government of the United States to meet at Bonneville in the near future to discuss the cost price or sale price of downstream benefits from the Columbia?

Right Hon, J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there is a meeting going on at the present time in Vancouver on the expert level.