

directed to Your Honour or the President of the Treasury Board, but I will try the latter. Can the minister inform the House whether or not a decision on the long overdue and highly justified pay increase for members' secretaries has now been reached, and, if so, when it will take effect?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, the revision of pay scales for the secretaries has been considered as part of the review, and it is hoped that the necessary adjustments will be made in the near future.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps we could avoid using the term "the near future" for once and ask the minister to be a little more precise. Can he tell us when our secretaries might receive their pay increase?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, I cannot, I regret to say, give the exact date but I will endeavour to inform myself and advise the hon. member.

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#### PENITENTIARIES

##### KINGSTON—ALLEGED PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT OF WILLIAM KNIGHT

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex):** Mr. Speaker, my question is of a compassionate nature and I hope I can frame it correctly. In the absence of the Solicitor General may I direct it to the Minister of Justice. In view of the allegations by the family of Mr. William Knight, the prisoner who acted as spokesman during the recent problem at Kingston, that he appears to have been grossly physically mistreated and that neither his minister, his lawyer nor members of his family are permitted to visit or to contact him to verify his condition, will the minister look into the matter since it is causing his family such understandable concern?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I will indeed, Mr. Speaker. I will refer the question immediately to the Solicitor General.

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#### CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

##### DISTRIBUTION OF PROVINCIAL BRIEFS TO ALL PROVINCES PRIOR TO VICTORIA MEETING

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** My question is for the right hon. Prime Minister and arises out of reports on the Victoria conference. It has been reported that the federal government and its secretariat were the only participants at the Victoria conference aware of all the prior briefs of the provinces. Did the government of Canada not distribute the briefs it received from the provinces before the conference to all the other provinces prior to the commencement of the meeting in Victoria?

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#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure what the hon. member means when he refers to briefs. The procedure at Victoria was that a series of proposed or draft constitutional texts was prepared in consultation with all delegations at the official and ministerial level between the period February to June. These texts were in the hands of all delegations. It is true that some provinces came forward with new texts in the last days and I am not sure whether they were given by those provinces to the other provinces, but as far as I know they were.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### INTERFERENCE BY RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR RESPECTING CERTAIN FLAGS FLOWN AT MAN AND HIS WORLD ETHNIC MUSEUM

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Did the Secretary of State for External Affairs receive a telegram from the Ukrainian-Canadian committee protesting the Russian ambassador's interference yesterday in the Man and His World ethnic museum whereby he requested that the flags of the Ukraine, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Armenia and Poland be torn down and replaced with a Russian flag?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I have received such a telegram, but now the hon. member has drawn my attention to it, I will check with my office.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. I think the Prime Minister should find out the details of what happened at Quebec's Man and His World, and if this interference has taken place then I think he should reprimand—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This is not, of course, a question. The hon. member is making a statement and he has no right to do that at this time.

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#### CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

##### SUGGESTED PENSION INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED BEFORE 1956

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that tomorrow, July 1, certain changes in the pensions of former employees of Canadian Pacific Railway come into effect, and in view of the unfairness of the provision that gives no increase whatever to persons who retired prior to 1956, would the minister indicate to the House what progress he has made in persuading the Canadian Pacific Railway to correct this unfairness?