

Inquiries of the Ministry

this crown corporation are limited as concerns his intervention in matters of programming. I am convinced the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) will be glad to read the member's representation in *Hansard* and to make report, if he deems it advisable.

[English]

COMMUNICATIONS**CO-OPERATION WITH FRANCE IN SPACE AND SATELLITE RESEARCH**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the minister-designate for communications. Will he advise whether officials of the Canadian government are now in Paris holding discussions with French government officials on the question of Franco-Canadian co-operation in space and satellite telecommunications research? If so, can he indicate the specific area to which the discussions are being directed?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, there is a mission, including some members of the department of communications, which is exploring sources of supply for the buying of the various components needed for the construction of satellites. We are exploring all possible markets and at the present time are concentrating on the European market.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL EXCHANGES WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. My question seeks information. How has the government cut down on private and official exchanges of a political nature with Warsaw pact countries?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have made a couple of statements on this question. I am not quite sure whether some of them were made in the house, but I have made them freely available to organizations.

Mr. Fairweather: Could the minister mention them to the members of parliament?

Mr. Sharp: Yesterday and on Sunday in Winnipeg I spoke about this subject particularly, but I do not know whether Your

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Honour would want me at this time to make a general statement on the question. It would take me more than a couple of minutes. Perhaps I might make a statement on motions.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the minister will make a statement to the house on these matters, and when he does he might reveal to the house the means by which the government of Canada proposes to discourage private exchanges between groups in Canada and groups in Warsaw pact countries.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, now that I have been asked a question in the house I shall be very happy to make a statement.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the wish of the minister to do this?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Sharp: Not now, Mr. Speaker, but tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There is not unanimous agreement.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION RESPECTING SNIFFING OF AEROPLANE GLUE, ETC.**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Lloyd Francis (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation regulating the sale of harmful substances such as glue for model aeroplanes, which caused an unfortunate death in Ottawa recently?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, legislation of this nature will be introduced. We will decide at that time whether this type of product should be placed within the ambit of the legislation. I would like to point out that perhaps this is one area in which legislation is not the over-all cure. Not only glue sniffing but, as has been indicated, fingernail polish, gasoline and cleaning fluids as well, are involved in this question. There are several products in this area where the government must consider whether legislation is an appropriate remedy.