Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, before the minister replies, I ask him very simply whether he has come to a reasonable basis of at which time we might discuss this particuagreement, in the opinion of the government, and is it similar to that which was brought about between Italy and Communist China?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am sure I speak on behalf of all members of the House in welcoming the right hon. gentleman back to the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Sharp: We have missed his very distinctive contribution to our discussions which is portrayed by the kind of question he has put to me today. It may be, of course, that the right hon. gentleman as a result of his recent very interesting travels knows more about the negotiations between Canada and the Peking regime than we do here, but I should like to assure him that no agreement has yet been reached between Canada and the Peking regime, nor do I believe that any agreement has been reached between the Peking regime and the Italian government. We are not holding up the announcement. Nothing would make me happier than to be able to say that they had been successfully completed.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Now that we know the negotiations have not been successfully concluded, what are the hopes and expectations that Mao will finally know where Canada is?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF WORD "DOMINION" FROM NAME

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the honourable and learned Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It concerns the possible introduction of legislation in respect of the nomenclature of part of his administrative domain. Is he contemplating removing the word "Dominion" from the designation of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics? If so, can he advise how this is to be accomplished and what will be the new name and initials for the institution?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have already referred to that possibility in the committee during the discussion of my estimates. I have already indicated that a new ence in the government's white paper to the

bill respecting the Dominion Bureau of Statistics would probably be introduced in the fall. lar aspect of it, if cabinet decides to include such a change in the bill.

Mr. Macquarrie: Mr. Speaker, would the minister and his colleagues give consideration to the proposition that solving the current problems of this country might deserve higher priority than obliterating its symbolic traditions?

SOCIAL SECURITY

INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF WHITE PAPER

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It does not have to do with the LeDain report. Now that the new unemployment insurance program has been introduced. which is related to the over-all social policy of increases in assistance to the disadvantaged, can the minister advise the House and the country when he will be introducing his white paper on social measures to alleviate the serious needs of the disadvantaged people of Canada?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as I have indicated I expect to have the white paper on social policy before Parliament prior to the end of the session.

[Later:]

Mr. Marshall: Would the minister advise the House whether, in the social measures he is going to introduce, increases in war veterans allowance will be included?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, the matter of social assistance as it pertains to war veterans allowances is the responsibility of my colleague the Minister of Veterans Affairs. I think the question should be directed to him.

FISHERIES

EXCLUSION OF FISHERMEN FROM NEW UNEM-PLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM-PROVI-SION OF CATCH FAILURE INSURANCE

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries. Does the minister propose to bring in a measure setting up catch failure insurance for fishermen in view of the refer-