

matter will at least be started in the House of Commons before Christmas?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** The Prime Minister is silent.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Was the Prime Minister not cogitating a reply?

**Mr. Trudeau:** The hon. member knows better than anyone else that I am not in a position to say what will happen.

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### WATER RESOURCES

#### ASSISTANCE FOR CONSERVATION PROJECTS

**Mr. W. M. Howe (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources who, according to the roster system, should be here today. However, I can probably put my question to his Parliamentary Secretary or to the acting minister. It has to do with the fact that since the coming into force of the Canada Water Act any assistance that was given previously to municipalities for conservation projects has been stopped by the government. In view of the fact that a tremendous number of conservation projects in Ontario, particularly along the Grand River, are being held up because there are no federal funds available, I would ask the minister to give favourable consideration to restoring the 37½ per cent assistance provided under the former Act.

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that this can hardly be termed a question. He is making a submission to the government and I suggest respectfully to him that he has to assume it will be considered.

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### VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### CLOSING OF LONDON, ENGLAND, OFFICE—MEETING IN UNITED KINGDOM

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** My question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Would the minister advise the House whether he met with the national advisory council of the Canadian Veterans Association of the United Kingdom during his trip to England arising out of their concern about the closing of the DVA office in London, and what were the results of the meeting?

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Yes, I did meet with them. We had a very interesting discussion on the London office and I am sure that as a result of our meeting decisions will come forward which will be to their satisfaction and to the satisfaction of my department.

**Mr. Marshall:** Would the minister advise the House whether the department is still going ahead with the decision to close the office in March or whether, in view of the discussion which he had, the decision will be reconsidered?

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### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Dubé:** I always said the office would be gradually phased out. The office is not to be closed at present.

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### HEALTH

#### FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM—AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare supplementary to a question I asked him some weeks ago. Will the minister make an early statement describing the projected birth control program which is being undertaken by his department?

**An hon. Member:** And how retroactive will it be?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I think I indicated to the hon. member at that time that the government program in the family planning area was announced in some considerable detail. If the hon. member wants me to repeat it or send her a copy of the announcement setting out the details, I will be pleased to do so.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** I should like to know when and in what form this information will be made available to the public?

**Mr. Munro:** As was indicated, Mr. Speaker, a consultative service is set up in the department, and we indicated at the time that this was a matter of choice for individuals but that information would be supplied with respect to it. That information is being formulated now and we expect it will be available through organizations, with their co-operation, in the fairly near future.

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### UNITED NATIONS

#### REFUSAL OF ISRAEL TO RECOGNIZE JERUSALEM AS SEPARATE ENTITY

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister.

In view of the refusal by the Israeli government to accept the UN's recommendation to the effect that Jerusalem should be considered as an entity separate from the Israeli problem, does the Canadian government intend to ask his UN representative to protest once more against the confiscations and expropriations which the Arabs have to suffer?

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### AGRICULTURE

#### INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING—REQUEST FOR REFER- ENCE TO SUPREME COURT

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture a question. In light