

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**INFORMATION CANADA****PUBLICIZING OF POSITION OF OPPOSITION PARTIES ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

Since Information Canada will use the services of television stations to make government policy known, will that body also get the people acquainted with the reactions and views of the opposition parties concerning government policy?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that this quite interesting question could be put on the order paper.

[English]

**POST OFFICE****MONTREAL POSTAL DISPUTE—DISCUSSIONS WITH UNION**

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** I should like to direct a question to the great conciliator, the Postmaster General, and ask him whether, after all the weeks of poor service or no service, anything close to normalcy is now returning to the postal service of Montreal?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** The situation is normal in Montreal for the moment.

**Mr. Macquarrie:** I want to give the minister an even break. Can he advise us when the backlog of parcels is expected to be delivered?

**Mr. Kierans:** If all proceeds normally, within about two days, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Postmaster General and Minister of Communications.

Since he has already answered a question from one of my colleagues on the matter of mail distribution, can he indicate to the House what stage the discussions with the Union of Postal Employees have reached?

**Mr. Kierans:** The discussions are still proceeding, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[English]

**SOCIAL SECURITY****INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION DURING PRESENT SESSION**

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare? In view of the assurance he has given several times this session and the hope he expressed yesterday that the white paper on social security will be tabled this session, could the minister tell us whether legislation based on the white paper, particularly with respect to old age pensions, will be introduced this session?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** It is very doubtful, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** May I ask the minister whether he is giving favourable consideration to the representations being made to him in this regard by Liberal Members of Parliament?

**Mr. Munro:** The representations have been made, and they contain considerable merit. They are being considered within the over-all context of social policy as set out in the white paper.

**POLLUTION****AIR—ACTION RESPECTING FEDERAL AGENCIES AND BUILDINGS**

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the minister's pessimism yesterday with regard to a clean air act, after his brave words in recent speeches, will the minister say what the government is doing in the meantime about air pollution caused by federal agencies such as Air Canada, and by federal government buildings in well-known places like Saint John?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. It appears to me that this information should be given to the House by the minister in the form of a general statement and not by way of an answer to a question at this time.

[Translation]

**CANADA COUNCIL****SUGGESTED GRANTS TO RETAIN SCIENTISTS IN CANADA**

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State.