

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the government has not decided on the disposition of the report. Actually, since we have not yet received it, no decision has been necessary. At any rate, this subject should be given consideration.

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister received the first report of the LeDain commission?

**Mr. Munro:** No, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

**FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS****EDUCATION—CONDITIONS OF GRANT TO QUEBEC FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS**

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Acting Prime Minister a question. Has the federal government received an official reply from the government of the province of Quebec with regard to the conditions set by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration in connection with the grants of approximately \$12 million offered Quebec for technical schools?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I shall have to inquire.

[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****RIGHT OF PROVINCES TO SIGN CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WITH FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES**

**Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, after the questions asked by the hon. members for Charlevoix and Sainte-Marie I should like to ask a supplementary question concerning the agreements reached by the provinces with foreign countries.

Would the minister be prepared to give the House the assurance that except for Quebec there has never been any agreement between any province and foreign countries?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I do not think there is evidence to be found where a treaty or an international agreement has been signed between any province of Canada and any foreign country.

[Mr. Mather.]

[Translation]

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs for clarification purposes.

Does he feel that provinces have the right to conclude cultural arrangements with other countries without the agreement of Ottawa?

**Mr. Speaker:** The minister answered a similar question a moment ago after I suggested that the question was not acceptable. It seems to me the hon. member is again inviting the minister to express an opinion. In this sense, the question should not be put.

**Mr. Valade:** I should like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

I should like to clarify the situation by asking the minister if he feels that only the federal government may sign cultural agreements, or if provincial governments may, without approval from the federal government, sign agreements of this nature?

[English]

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, it seems to be well established in the British North America Act that foreign relations are the complete responsibility of the federal government in all fields.

[Translation]

**Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix):** I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Does the minister no longer recognize the protocol agreements made in 1964 with then Premier Jean Lesage whereby Quebec was allowed to conclude agreements with foreign countries in the field of culture and education?

**Mr. Speaker:** We are now at the debate stage. The question cannot be allowed.

[English]

**POLLUTION****AIR—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION BEFORE SUMMER RECESS**

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** My question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the minister's recent remarks concerning air pollution, is he prepared to give a firm commitment to the House to introduce his proposed clean air act before the House recesses for the summer?