

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Trudeau:** No. It is not a vote of 130 to 1. Then we decided to proceed unilaterally. I am glad of the way the question is asked. I know the position of the hon. member on this particular question. I would point out that there has been a good deal of questioning in the house about the position of the government, and I have yet to see the position of the Conservative party on the question.

**Mr. MacLean:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question, for clarification. Would the Prime Minister not agree that the recognition of mainland China and the substitution of mainland China for Formosa in the United Nations are two separate and distinct problems.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the government house leader.

I should like to ask him if he can give us some explanations concerning the fact that reports nos. 8 and 9 of the standing committee on health, welfare and social affairs which held meetings in early December, have not been published as yet. Could the government house leader give us some explanations about this matter and assure us that the reports will soon be made available, as today is January 24 and we are awaiting the French version?

[*English*]

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I will make an inquiry and report to the house.

[*Translation*]

**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT****POSSIBILITY OF RE-INTRODUCING DEATH PENALTY**

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

In view of the considerable number of murders in Canada, would the minister tell us whether he considers re-establishing capital punishment?

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** Apparently there is no reply to the question. The Chair will therefore recognize the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

[*Mr. Trudeau.*]

**NATIONAL DEFENCE****REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON BASE CONSOLIDATION**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Does he expect in the near future to be in a position to make a statement to the house as a result of the study which his department has been making for the past several months on the question of the consolidation of Canadian military bases.

**Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, first of all I think I should congratulate the hon. member for his sustained interest in this problem. The decision flowing from the studies that have been made in the Department of National Defence I do not think would call for a statement in the house. That would be in the nature of an announcement or release in respect of administrative procedures, which would follow through whenever decisions are taken.

**Mr. Hees:** Does the minister expect in the near future to be in a position to make any of the various types of utterances which he has mentioned.

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** I do expect so, sir.

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** Do we understand from the minister's answer that the base consolidation study has now been completed?

**Mr. Cadieux (Labelle):** Yes.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****CULTURAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN FRANCE AND CANADA**

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Will the Prime Minister at an early opportunity report to parliament the details of the implementation of any and all cultural agreements involving France and Canada, including the amounts of any federal contribution, the amounts expended or contributed by France in Canada and the numbers and kinds of personnel exchanged between France on the one hand and Canada on the other?

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is in order to the extent that the hon. member is asking whether the Prime Minister proposes to make a statement, and may be answered yes or no.