

Inquiries of the Ministry

for improving the assistance given by the participating governments to underdeveloped countries, and through a better system of exchanges of information and consultation will increase the effectiveness of existing aid programs and other similar programs.

If it meets with the wish of the house I would be prepared to table copies of the communique issued by the development assistance group at the conclusion of its meeting in Washington.

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): A supplementary question, which I asked several weeks ago. Can the minister say whether there was any discussion about areas not now in receipt of assistance but within possible contemplation by various governments? I mean, for example, countries in Africa.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Speaker, the agenda of the meeting was quite lengthy and detailed, and it covered quite a wide area of discussion. It was called principally to exchange information on the part of governments represented as to their existing programs of aid. Naturally, lines in such matters are not firmly drawn, and I think it was in the minds of the representatives that there are some areas which are better served in this respect than others.

Mr. Speaker: Has the minister leave to table the communique to which he referred?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PUBLIC WORKS

SHAUGHNESSY HOSPITAL, VANCOUVER
—REMOVAL OF EARTH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Taylor (Vancouver-Burrard): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister of Public Works could say whether the so-called mountain of earth which is causing such a nuisance to residents in and around Shaughnessy military hospital will be removed by the contractor before April 1.

Hon. D. J. Walker (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to be able to inform the hon. member that the mountain of earth to which he has referred will be removed under the contract by the contractor on or before April 30.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

STEPHEN TRUSCOTT—REQUEST FOR REVIEW
OF CONVICTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has the minister had time to note [Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]

the statement of the minister of reform institutions in Ontario, Mr. Wardrope, in which he expressed serious doubts as to the guilt of Stephen Truscott; and consequently, is there any intention or possibility of making a review of this person's conviction?

Mr. Speaker: If I am not mistaken, the question of clemency is not one on which the ministry can be properly questioned in this house.

Mr. Fisher: Mr. Speaker, I am not asking for clemency; it is the question of a review.

Mr. Speaker: I do not see any difference. It seems to me the same thing.

Mr. Fisher: Mr. Speaker, I will rephrase my question. I ask the Minister of Justice whether he has received any recent communication from the Ontario government or its officials regarding the conviction or custody of Stephen Truscott?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not.

HEALTH INSURANCE

INQUIRY AS TO EXTENSION TO NORTHWEST
TERRITORIES AND YUKON

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Could the minister say whether the press reports of yesterday as to the conclusion of an agreement with the Northwest Territories council implementing the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act are correct? Second, what progress has been made with regard to concluding such an agreement with the legislative council of the Yukon?

Hon. J. W. Monteith (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker, an agreement was signed with the Northwest Territories council yesterday, and satisfactory progress has been made in this respect with the Yukon council. As a matter of fact, I understand they are sitting at this time and probably will be considering the matter.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

VANCOUVER—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON
DEATH OF INDIAN WOMAN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Rodolphe Leduc (Gatineau): I would like to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is the minister now in a position to report on the circumstances surrounding the death of an Indian woman which occurred recently in Vancouver,