

POST OFFICE

MAILING OF HATE LITERATURE
FROM NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General and Minister of Communications. Is the minister aware that some of the most nauseating hate literature, which can only be described as filthy, is being mailed to Canadian citizens, including Members of Parliament, from Niagara Falls, New York, on behalf of what is called the Natural Order of Gooderham, Ontario, whose mailing privileges have been cancelled? Would he be prepared to check with the American postal authorities to ascertain if they will co-operate to have this practice stopped?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): This is normally our practice, Mr. Speaker, and we go farther ourselves. After we get a ruling from my colleague in the Department of Justice we deny mailing privileges to those who send out such pornographic material. I am not aware to which particular instance the hon. member is referring, but I shall certainly take notice of it.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the literature apparently prepared by these congenial fools also reflects upon the presiding officer of this assembly and our Jewish citizens, would the minister consider referring the matter to the justice committee?

Mr. Kierans: Absolutely, and with all the more reason, Mr. Speaker.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED RECOGNITION OF
COMMUNIST CHINA

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. What recent progress has been made in the negotiations for the recognition of the Peking government?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the state of play is that some weeks ago we presented to the Peking authorities proposals to which we have not yet had a reply.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Is it play or ploy?

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

INDUSTRY

GOLD MINING—POLICY RESPECTING GRANTS

Mr. Oza Térrault (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Could he tell us whether the government intends to keep on granting subsidies to gold mines after December 1970?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I shall certainly pass on this question to the minister concerned.

[English]

IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM
BY POLISH SEAMEN

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Has a decision been made yet on the request by the nine Polish seamen seeking political asylum in Canada. If not, when may a decision be expected?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, a decision has not yet been made. The matter is currently being actively considered and a decision will be made very shortly.

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATIONACTION RESPECTING ALLEGED
DISCRIMINATION

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. Has the minister taken any steps to stop the discrimination carried on at Devco and which he himself has admitted?

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. MacInnis: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I did not get an answer so I will clarify my question by repeating it. Has the minister taken any action to stop the discrimination carried on at Devco, which he himself has admitted?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I do not know when I made such a statement. It is true