

*Inquiries of the Ministry***EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****INDIA—PROGRAM FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Some weeks ago when we were discussing in this house the matter of additional wheat for India I asked the Prime Minister whether he would give serious consideration to further technical assistance which I believe is very sorely needed. Has he anything to report on this matter at this time?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, so far as wheat is concerned, my hon. friend will be glad to know that provision already is made for the shipment of that wheat. In so far as technical assistance is concerned, that matter is being considered in respect of the annual program for assistance to India, and I hope I will be able to make a statement on this before long.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State, to whom I have given a partial verbal notice of my question. I am informed that the premier of British Columbia intends to establish what will be known as the "Order of the Dogwood" which would be awarded to prominent British Columbia citizens. Has the Secretary of State received any communication from the premier of British Columbia with regard to this order, in order to regularize its status.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question is not urgent.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**BACON—REQUEST FOR INQUIRY CONCERNING REDUCED PRICE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. R. Sherman (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice, but in his absence I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether it has been brought to his attention that all the supermarkets in Winnipeg recently advertised a reduction in the retail price of side bacon to 89 cents a pound, where it had been varying from store to store at levels between 99 cents and \$1.15, and will the government investigate this.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order. I doubt whether this is the kind of question which can be asked at this time. I am sure the representations of the hon. member have been noted by the government. I do not think the question should be asked at this time.

CANADA LABOUR (STANDARDS) CODE**REQUESTED COVERAGE FOR C.B.C. EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct another question to the Minister of Labour. I am sure it is appreciated by many that meetings are to be held among representatives of the shipping industry regarding the hours of work set up by the Canada Labour (Standards) Code. Now that the minister appears to have a few moments at his leisure, would he mind seeing whether he can make similar arrangements so that employees in the C.B.C. may be able to have coverage under the Canada Labour (Standards) Code.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice.

AGRICULTURE**ARDA—DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT WITH MANITOBA REPRESENTATIVES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Ed. Schreyer (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development. In his absence I hope that the parliamentary secretary will take it as notice. Have the minister and his officials recently met with representatives from the province of Manitoba relative to working out some points of disagreement in respect of the recently signed federal-provincial ARDA agreement in that province.

Mr. Speaker: The question should be placed on the order paper.

IMMIGRATION**APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP BY U.S. DRAFT DODGERS**

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration possibly the Prime Minister will either answer this question or take it as notice. According to the estimates of the committee studying the