

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Prime Minister the possibility of tabling the letter from the Prime Minister to the premiers of the provinces calling for a conference on December 11 on housing and related matters, so that members of this house may see what the proposed agenda is.

**Mr. Nicholson:** I shall be glad to discuss this with the Prime Minister, but I think it might be more opportune to wait until the Prime Minister has had an opportunity to receive some replies.

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the obvious responsibility which I believe the larger municipalities have in respect of housing, would the Minister of Labour tell us whether the municipalities will be represented in some way at this conference which is to be held in December?

**Mr. Nicholson:** Mr. Speaker, I should think that would be a matter for the heads of the provincial governments to decide. The municipalities are creatures of the provinces. An invitation has been extended to the premiers of the ten provinces by the Prime Minister, and they have been asked to bring along such people as they think may be able to contribute to the discussion and advise the governments concerned.

**TRADE****WHEAT—MAINTENANCE OF PRICE RANGE UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce with regard to the international grains arrangement, 1967, which he tabled in the house the day before yesterday. In view of the fact that this arrangement does not become effective, even if ratified, until July 1, 1968, is there any addendum to it or any written agreement among the signatories to carry out the assurance the minister gave the house last May that the price range contained in the agreement would be observed until the agreement came into effect?

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** No, Mr. Speaker, there is not. However, the hon. member is aware of the action taken by the government to ensure the minimum price to the Canadian Wheat Board of \$1.95½ for No. 1 Northern.

**Mr. Douglas:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the minister gave

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the assurance to the house that the price range would be maintained during this 11 month period when no agreement was in effect, was that the result of a gentleman's agreement among the signatories or merely a pious hope on the part of the minister?

**Mr. Winters:** I do not think I expressed a pious hope or referred to a gentleman's agreement. I said that generally speaking the price would respond to the forces of the market.

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary question for the minister. Do I take it, then, that the government intends to allow wheat to be sold in the world markets at less than the floor price?

**Mr. Winters:** If we have to, in order to meet international competition. I hope that will not be the case too often. Where it is the case the differential will be paid to the wheat board, as I outlined earlier.

[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****CYPRUS—POSSIBLE RETURN OF CANADIAN TROOPS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Could he tell the house whether the situation in Cyprus is such, in his opinion, that we can expect our troops to return at the end of the year, when the agreement comes to an end?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I will take that question into consideration and give an answer tomorrow.

[English]

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED MARIJUANA SELLING BY U.S. DRAFT DODGERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Solicitor General. It is an important question so far as the mental health of the Canadian people is concerned. Has the minister requested a full report from the R.C.M.P. in reference to the allegations by responsible people that draft dodgers from the United States are peddling marijuana? If not, is he prepared to ask the R.C.M.P. for such a report, and will he report to the House of Commons in this regard?