

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Will the hon. member ask his question as we now have only a few minutes left for the question period.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Can the minister tell us whether he has seen this report and, if so, is he going to take any steps to see whether this evasion of legislation now before the committee on finance, trade and economic affairs is constitutional?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): I have not seen this item, but I will certainly look into the matter. The Bank of Western Canada has not yet been given a certificate to begin operations.

UNITED NATIONS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT RESPECTING CANADIAN INITIATIVE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. I was not sure that I was hearing correctly yesterday, but I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he agrees with a statement made yesterday by the Secretary of State for External Affairs which is recorded in *Hansard* at page 10553 as follows:

—the Canadian initiative at the United Nations during the past few days is generally regarded as being one of the factors that has now moved the United Nations from the immobilism of the last 16 years.

Does the Prime Minister agree with that statement?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think it is unnecessary for me to say that I agree with the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

[*Translation*]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Gatineau): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour.

[*English*]

Can the Minister of Labour tell the house whether a man by the name of Dick Hoogendoorn has been fired after ten years of service with the Greening Metal Product and Screening Equipment Company of Toronto for having refused to pay his syndicate fee to the United Metal Workers of America because this syndicate supports the N.D.P.?

Medicare

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

INQUIRY CONCERNING INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister regarding the subject of capital punishment. Is the government bill for the abolition of capital punishment now being prepared and, if so, when will it be placed on the order paper?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this whole matter is still under consideration.

[*Translation*]

CANADIAN ECONOMY

IMPOSITION OF CEILING ON FOOD PRICES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Alcide Simard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Has he considered the possibility of imposing a ceiling on food prices in 1967?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question is of a very general nature and I do not think that the hon. member can ask it at this time.

[*English*]

PENITENTIARIES

REPORT ON MAXIMUM SECURITY UNITS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Solicitor General whether he has yet received a report from the committee headed by Mr. Justice Ouimet to deal with the problem surrounding maximum security in special detention units and, if so, when he intends to make it public?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I have received the report and I expect to meet with Mr. Justice Ouimet and other members of the committee next week in this regard.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MEDICARE—AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD COST OF INSURED MEDICAL CARE

The house resumed, from Wednesday, November 30, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-227, to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada toward the cost of insured medical care services incurred by