

end of the question period. I suggest that we move on to another subject for the moment in any event.

IMMIGRATION

DEPORTATION OF U.S. CITIZENS WHO INCITE RIOTS IN CANADA

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration relating to a question I asked him about ten days ago. Is the minister now in a position to report to the House concerning how many United States citizens took part in the recent riot in Toronto and how many helped to incite the riot? If the minister is not prepared to do so now, will he undertake to make a statement on motions?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, in this regard it is very difficult to be certain concerning the numbers. I know there were a number of persons involved in the demonstration who came to the attention of the police. Of that number only a portion were residents of the United States or were United States citizens. The larger portion was made up of Canadians.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, would the minister now tell us what action it is proposed will be taken against the United States citizens who took part in this violence in the city of Toronto and, specifically, does the minister intend to have them deported?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, the normal course of the law will take place and if they come to the attention of the department they will be deported. The full force of the immigration law will be applied to them.

CANADA PENSION PLAN

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS TO SURVIVORS OF DECEASED CONTRIBUTORS LACKING SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBERS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that a number of survivors are unable to collect their benefits under the Canada Pension Plan because the deceased contributors, in most cases self-employed persons, failed to obtain a social insurance number, is the government taking any steps to correct this situation?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I anticipate that within the next two weeks such survivors of self-employed contributors to the Canada Pension Plan will be able to receive benefits without the necessity of the deceased having a social insurance number.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, will the minister make a statement in the House at that time? Also, may I ask if the new arrangement will be retroactive?

Mr. Munro: I will make a statement in the House at that time. I believe it is to be retroactive but I will check that.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

BANNING OF NON-PRESCRIPTION COMPOUNDS CONTAINING PHENACETIN

Mr. Tom H. Goode (Burnaby-Richmond): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the alarming medical reports that phenacetin, an ingredient in pain relievers, can damage the human kidney, will the minister urgently consider banning the sale of non-prescription compounds containing this dangerous drug?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the federal Food and Drug Directorate has had this under review for some time. I would remind hon. members that there is a very severe warning on the labels of products containing this particular chemical, but our concern is continuing. We have brought together a committee of outside experts to give us advice on what further action, if any, should be taken. As soon as I have the benefit of that advice I shall advise the House.

DRUGS

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT OF LEDAIN COMMISSION

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare when the LeDain commission report will be tabled in the House, because two months ago he promised it would be brought in within two weeks?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I anticipate I will receive the report possibly within the next week or ten days. I know I have said