

Inquiries of the Ministry

request. I have no knowledge of it. The Secretary of State for External Affairs has received nothing. To the best of our knowledge no such request has been received.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Will the right hon. gentleman inform the house whether he is aware that such an investigation as was referred to by the Leader of the Opposition has been made by some Americans? Has the government investigated who has been making these inquiries and for what purpose?

Mr. Pearson: I do not know what Americans have investigated what. I am talking about official communications between the two governments.

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me the hon. member was making a statement rather than asking a question.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I ask the Prime Minister whether there have been any communications on this matter from the government of Canada to Washington, regardless of whether or not communications have been received?

Mr. Pearson: To my knowledge, no; but if there is anything we can discover between now and tomorrow to add to what I have said, I will let hon. members know. We have no information about any such request or about any exchange of information between the two governments or between the Canadian government and the American University.

NATO—SWEDISH PROPOSAL RESPECTING
NON-DISSEMINATION TREATY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Is Canada supporting the initiative of Mrs. Myrdal, the spokesman for Sweden at the 17-nation disarmament conference, in which she called on the nuclear powers to remove the major obstacle to a non-dissemination treaty, namely the proposals for nuclear sharing in NATO?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for giving me notice of his question. As he knows, Canada has been considering the proposed non-proliferation agreement and we have supported the position taken by the western powers with regard to a non-proliferation treaty.

[Mr. Pearson.]

I have seen a report of the remarks attributed to Mrs. Myrdal, the representative of Sweden, and I am advised that the report is not an accurate one, that she did not say that the nuclear sharing arrangements of NATO necessarily stood in the way of such an agreement. My own view, in so far as any proposals for nuclear sharing in NATO are concerned, is that they do not in my judgment warrant the view that they prejudice the realization of a non-proliferation agreement.

LABOUR RELATIONS

ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION IN
TRUCKING STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour and ask him what report he can now make of progress respecting the dispute of truckers in Ontario.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): It is not a very encouraging one, Mr. Speaker. As a result of some developments over the week end, negotiations which seemed to have been proceeding reasonably satisfactorily last week appear to have broken down. I am awaiting a further report which I have requested.

Mr. Starr: In view of this unsatisfactory progress, as the minister now admits, will he not lend his good offices to an endeavour to bring the disputing parties together and effect a settlement? I say that because of the fact that this strike has been so prolonged now, and strife is evident in many instances.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, this is a legal strike. It comes within the provisions of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act. When I receive the report, then I will consider it. It is my responsibility under the act, and I still do not feel that it is appropriate to take action at this time.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION

REPORTED STRIKE DEADLINE BY WRITERS
AND PERFORMERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State in her capacity as minister reporting for broadcasting in Canada. I see she is out of the house just now; perhaps her parliamentary secretary could take this as notice. Bearing in mind the reported two week strike