

Inquiries of the Ministry

Secretary of State or any other agency or department of the government with respect to the matter in question, and I would therefore ask my hon. friend whether he would be prepared to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Ralph Cowan (York-Humber): Mr. Speaker, I ask that the matter be transferred for debate. I asked not only for the production of correspondence and telegrams but also for other documents.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

C.N.R. LEVEL CROSSING, METROPOLITAN
TORONTO

Motion No. 202—**Mr. Stanbury:**

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence, telegrams or other documents exchanged between the Board of Transport Commissioners and any other organization, group or person, with reference to the level crossing of the Canadian National Railways line at Cummer avenue and Leslie street in the borough of North York in the municipality of metropolitan Toronto.

Motion agreed to.

IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF POLICY
RESPECTING U.S. DRAFT DODGERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister and ask him what is the government's policy in the face of action sponsored by the Students Council for Peace Action to assist the entry of United States draft dodgers into Canada. Is the government making immigration facilities available, are working permits to be granted, and is there any policy with regard to such people of military age seeking entry into Canada?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the rules regarding the admission to Canada of United States citizens would apply in the normal way to men in this category. The fact that these people were draft dodgers would probably be unknown to the immigration officers in any case, and I am sure my hon. friend would not wish to do anything which would interfere with the maximum freedom of movement across the border.

It is very difficult to take action in individual cases but we would certainly not do anything to encourage admission to Canada of this category of United States citizens.

Mr. Starr: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the Prime Minister say whether the government has been approached for any further assistance for the Student Council for Peace Action in addition to the grant that body was awarded last year from the Company of Young Canadians. What is the government's policy with regard to the activities of an organization which cannot but damage relations with the United States at this time?

Mr. Pearson: I do not know of any assistance the government is giving to this particular organization. Certainly it is not an organization that should be assisted in this kind of activity.

Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond): Is the Prime Minister ready to make any statement concerning the request made by the Canadian Quakers for financial assistance in aiding the victims of war in both North and South Viet Nam? He said the other day a request had been received.

Mr. Pearson: I think I received a communication on this matter this morning. I would prefer to take notice of the question and look into it.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

REQUEST FOR NATIONAL CODE WITH FEDERAL
INSPECTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the information placed before the committee on justice concerning the thousands of defects in Canadian manufactured cars, some of which were of a serious nature, does the Prime Minister not think the time is long overdue for a national car safety code with adequate federal inspection? Is the government prepared to introduce such a measure in the near future?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): I hope to be making a statement to the house judicial committee on this particular topic tomorrow.

Mr. Douglas: Having in mind the gap which sometimes exists between reports of committees and legislative action, may I ask the Minister of Industry if the government has undertaken the preparation of such a car safety code, and if it intends to bring such legislation before the house?