

*Inquiries of the Ministry***ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES****SUBMISSIONS TO ROYAL COMMISSION BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ARMED FORCES**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Following the question I asked yesterday, could the Prime Minister tell us today whether federal civil servants can personally submit briefs to the Laurendeau-Dunton commission without fear of reprisals from the government? Are members of the armed forces in the same situation?

[*Text*]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I said that I would look into this matter and reply as soon as I am able. I am not able to reply today, but I hope to do so either tomorrow or on Monday.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**PROSECUTION FOR REPORTED VIOLATION OF WELFARE REGULATIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Terry Nugent (Edmonton-Sirathcona): Mr. Speaker, my question is properly addressed to the Minister of Justice, but in his absence I will address it to the Prime Minister, since it concerns his riding. On page 11 of today's *Globe and Mail* a situation is revealed which violates or takes undue advantage of welfare payments. I am wondering whether the Prime Minister can tell us if the Department of Justice is investigating the possibility of prosecuting the people mentioned in this story for obtaining welfare payments under false pretenses.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker. I am not familiar with this story but I will be very happy indeed to look into it; and if the facts are as alleged I should think prosecution would be undertaken.

HEALTH AND WELFARE**RESEARCH INTO AIR POLLUTION FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North): Mr. Speaker, I will direct this question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is any research being carried on by the minister's department with a view to discovering ways [Mr. Cardin.]

and means of curbing air pollution by vehicular traffic, which is becoming an increasingly serious threat to the health of the nation?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, my department is conducting research into air pollution generally and we are keeping a close eye on efforts aimed at reducing the noxious gases from internal combustion engines. We are also in close contact with the United States public health service, which is spending vast amounts of money on this problem, and we are expecting to benefit from any developments which may take place there. Also automobile manufacturers in Canada and the United States have intensive research projects under way with a view to introducing measures to control pollution.

CANADIAN FLAG**ADOPTION OF RED ENSIGN BY PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Prince Edward-Lennox): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Now that the Manitoba legislature has approved a bill naming the Canadian red ensign as their official flag, has the Prime Minister heard of any other legislative bodies which are about to follow this good example?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**FELICITATIONS ON OPENING OF HALL OF CONFEDERATION**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Gregoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. In view of the inauguration of the confederation hall which took place yesterday, no doubt the minister will allow us to congratulate him on having chosen such a name for this splendid hall.

Hon. J. P. Deschatelets (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to accept those congratulations which I shall pass on to those responsible, and not necessarily the minister.

Mr. Ricard: The previous government.