

Inquiries of the Ministry

of yesterday regarding matters to be dealt with before this house rises. In view of the importance of Bill C-190 particularly in relation to the price of drugs, and in view of the fact that it has reached the committee of the whole stage, can this be included in the items to be dealt with and finalized before the house rises?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, that of course would depend on the progress in respect of the three items I mentioned yesterday.

Mr. William Dean Howe (Hamilton South): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Parke, Davis Company has raised its prices recently by as much as 30 per cent, is there any chance that the government will give some priority to this matter so we can spare the people of Canada any further profiteering by the drug companies of Canada?

by the possible leadership candidates, may I ask the Prime Minister if he can say whether the government has under consideration a space program for Canada, and whether there is any hope of it being implemented?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking a question which I have suggested cannot be asked at this time.

[Later:]

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister this question, which I have carefully written out. Has the government made approaches to the United States or Russia recently about a joint space program and, if so, when will plans be finalized?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. I hope there will be an announcement on this matter very shortly, depending on space programs.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): In view of the fact that I cannot get information on this matter I wish to discuss it at ten o'clock tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO RESERVATION OF
SATELLITE SPACE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In view of the severe criticism at a meeting in Montreal yesterday of the lack of government initiative in respect of a space program, can the minister give us a progress report concerning any such program?

Mr. Speaker: Order, the hon. member is asking for a statement of the type which should be made on motions.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, may I revise my question. Can the minister say whether the government has made any reservations in space for Canada, or has taken any other independent action on behalf of this country in view of the severe criticism?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I may be in orbit but I am not at this moment responsible for the Canadian space program. The Department of National Defence—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I suggest the question is one which might be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Mr. Speaker, in view of the statement which appeared in the press, and in view of the chasing around

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LABOUR RELATIONS

MONTREAL—APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATION
BOARD ON PICARD REPORT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

I should like to ask him if he is ready to reply to the question I put to him yesterday concerning the instructions of his department with regard to port activities?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): No, Mr. Speaker, but I shall reply tomorrow.

BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

INQUIRY AS TO PRODUCTION OF
WHITE PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

As several months have already elapsed since the publication of the Laurendeau-Dunton report, can he tell us whether the government would consider the possibility or accept