

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): No change is contemplated, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Scott (Danforth): In view of the indifferent attitude exhibited by the minister—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Scott (Danforth):—can I ask the Prime Minister whether he will take up this serious matter and do something about it?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the right hon. Leader of the Opposition, but in his absence I shall address it to the house leader of the Conservative party—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Choquette: I would like to put my question to the hon. Minister of Justice. The question is very serious, Mr. Speaker.

Does the minister intend, in view of the unseemly remarks made by a member of this house concerning the Supreme Court, to insist that the Leader of the Opposition make apologies?

FINANCE

EFFECT OF GUIDE LINES ON U.S. SUBSIDIARIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce concerning the guide lines he sent Canadian subsidiaries of foreign or American firms?

Would the minister tell the house what type of replies and reactions he has obtained so far?

Mr. Speaker: I believe this question is out of order.

[English]

EXPO '67

DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING PARTICIPATION BY COMMUNIST CHINA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George Muir (Lisgar): I have a question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Bearing in mind the statement made by the

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Prime Minister in New York the other day with regard to the eventual recognition of red China, can the hon. gentleman inform the house whether there has been any discussion between officers of Expo and officials of red China about having that country put up a trade pavilion at the fair?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): No, Mr. Speaker, I have not.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—REQUEST FOR RENEWED EFFORTS TO END WAR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the serious news which has been coming out of Viet Nam during the last couple of days, would the Prime Minister consider making another serious effort to persuade the President of the United States to take steps to bring the war in Viet Nam to a close before it escalates into a major conflict?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I can only say that important discussions are taking place continually on this matter and the Canadian government is making every effort, through its membership on the international control commission and in other ways, to bring about an improvement of what is a very serious and dangerous situation.

Mr. Knowles: As a supplementary question may I ask the Prime Minister whether there have been any discussions in recent weeks between himself and the head of the United States government with respect to this matter?

Mr. Pearson: Not recently, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Knowles: Then I urge that there be such a discussion.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

PREPARATION FOR ANNIVERSARY OF VIMY RIDGE BATTLE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Its urgency may not be apparent at the moment, but in view of the lengthy preparation required perhaps you will consider it