

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[English]

**AGRICULTURE**PRESENTATION OF BRIEF BY ONTARIO  
FEDERATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture or his parliamentary secretary. With the announcement that the brief by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture will be presented on May 24 here on parliament hill, can the minister tell the house whether plans are being made to meet this important delegation on that day and whether the topics in the brief will be discussed?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to take that question as notice and discuss it with the minister. Plans are being made to receive this delegation.

**Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent (Ont.)):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I know that because of Expo '67 the Prime Minister has many additional appointments, but in view of the serious matters involved may I ask the right hon. gentleman if an opportunity will be provided for him as well as the Minister of Agriculture to meet the farm representatives on this occasion?

**Mr. Pearson:** I would hope I could do that. I point out that the delegation leaders did fix a date without consulting me, and it was a date on which I could not possibly receive them. However, I am hoping to make arrangements so I can do so.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES UNDER  
PROVINCIAL PLANS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare; in his absence perhaps it could be taken as notice. Does the minister's statement on page 15087 of *Hansard* for April 19, that a consensus must develop within the provinces before any further health services would qualify for federal assistance, mean that he is repudiating his commitment made with regard to these services—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question is argumentative.

**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. On December 6, 1966 the Minister of

National Health and Welfare, in reply to a question put to him by the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam, said that the construction put on the proposed amendment was correct, namely that it would be possible for one or any number of provinces to admit any health services. On April 19 he said that this was impossible; therefore I think it is quite in order for me to ask him—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member is only confirming what I said a moment ago, namely that the question is argumentative.

**IMMIGRATION**REQUEST THAT REFUGEE BE GRANTED GREEK  
NATIONALS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Milton L. Klein (Cartier):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, but in his absence perhaps it could be answered by his parliamentary secretary. Will the government grant refuge to, and suspend all deportation proceedings against Greek nationals until a democratic government has been restored in Greece?

**Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I will be pleased to draw this to the minister's attention.

**TRADE**REQUEST FOR REPORT ON GENEVA TARIFF  
NEGOTIATIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, now that the zero hour approaches in connection with the Kennedy round of tariff negotiations in Geneva, is the Prime Minister in a position to give a report as to whether there is any hope or optimism that the deliberations will bring about the possibility of a substantial reduction in tariffs? Can he also inform us what if anything has been decided in connection with agricultural products, and wheat in particular since there are markets for it in Europe, as well as aluminum?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Ministers of Trade and Commerce and Agriculture are both in Geneva, and I hope they will be returning early next week with good news about an agreement, which we all hope can be achieved. The news has not been very encouraging in recent days, although there has