

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

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[Translation]

**Mr. Laprise:** Mr. Speaker—**Mr. Speaker:** Does the hon. member for Abitibi wish to ask a supplementary to his first question?**Mr. Laprise:** Mr. Speaker, it is more a point of order.

I directed my question to the Minister of National Revenue. I can see that his body is here, but I wonder where his mind is. If he heard my question, I would like him to answer, if at all possible.

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry, but I did not hear the question the first time. I am taking the hon. member's question as notice and shall answer it tomorrow.

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[English]

**INDUSTRY****DENISON MINES—NEGOTIATIONS TO PREVENT SHUTDOWN****Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, my question to the Prime Minister was interrupted yesterday—at least, his answer was—and you suggested that I might ask a supplementary today. In view of the very serious economic situation in Elliot Lake, can the Prime Minister advise what progress has been made in the negotiations between the government of Canada and the officials of Denison Mines to prevent the shutdown of this uranium mine?**An hon. Member:** Better get Mr. Pearson back.**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am happy to pursue yesterday's answer and indicate that the government has a continuing concern over the situation in Elliot Lake. I was telling the House that there have been active exchanges and consultations between the parties concerned, the latest being in November. The minister is presently leading a delegation to Japan on the problems of mining, and I believe the president of Denison Mines is part of that delegation. I think it is, therefore, safe to assume that uranium will be discussed. I know that when the minister returns he will resume negotiations, in mid-December and hopefully we will find a solution.

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**DRUGS****EXPRESSION OF OPINIONS BY MEMBERS PRIOR TO INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN VIENNA—LE DAIN COMMISSION FINAL REPORT****Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the fact that the Le Dain Commission will cost the people of Canada at least \$1,200,000, will the minister now tell the House how he will fulfil his pledge, given on October 21 this year,

[Mr. Laing.]

that members could express their views in the House on the drug question within two months, and before Canada commits herself at the Vienna conference thus perhaps jeopardizing the necessary but costly work of the Le Dain Commission?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I think that hon. members have had ample opportunity already to express their views on the Le Dain Commission report.**An hon. Member:** When?**Mr. Munro:** You certainly have.**Mr. Rynard:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. It is obvious that we are not going to meet in the House to talk about it, so could the minister now tell us what reservations will be made at the Vienna conference?**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, as far as the government's decision on the position to be taken at the Vienna conference with regard to reservations is concerned, this will be announced in due course, certainly before the House recesses.**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, in light of the appeal of the directors of anti-addiction programs for nine provinces urging that the government should not sign the international drug treaty prior to the tabling of the final report of the Le Dain Commission, can the minister inform the House whether the government has responded to this appeal in an affirmative manner?**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, all I can indicate at this time is that the government has taken note of these reservations and its decision as to policy on this question will be made known to the House.**Mr. Mazankowski:** I wonder if the minister would undertake to make a statement on motions on the government's view of the relationship of the pending international commitment—the protocol on psychotropic substances—and the forthcoming Le Dain Commission report?**Mr. Munro:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to consider that.

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**AGRICULTURE****FARM MACHINERY—INQUIRY AS TO FINAL REPORT OF BARBER COMMISSION****Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. In view of the continuing concern about the high prices of farm machinery, can the minister inform the House whether he has received the final report of the Barber Commission and, if not, when does he expect to receive it?**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** I have not received that report yet, Mr. Speaker, and I am sorry to say that I cannot give a precise date for its receipt as Dr. Barber has not yet indicated this to me.