

*Oral Questions*

stituted provides an adequate means for evaluating this project, or is the government planning separate hearings by the Department of the Environment, the Department of Finance and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, under the act the National Energy Board has definite powers in the enforcement of certain measures. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, under its responsibility regarding lands in the territories will soon set up a special inquiry board which will be asked to study the economic and social aspects of such a project for northerners as well as environment problems which will arise in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. We intend to appoint a judge to undertake an early inquiry.

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[English]

**COMMUNICATIONS****CABLEVISION—RESTRICTION ON EDMONTON VIDEO LIMITED**

**Mr. Steven E. Pappas (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications. The *Canadian Radio-Television Commission* granted a licence to Edmonton Video Limited to establish a third English language television station, CITV, in Edmonton, Alberta. In view of the fact the commission requires that station KREM, Spokane, Washington, not be distributed by the licensee until one year after the commencement of broadcasting by CITV, do my people have to move to Vancouver, Victoria, Montreal, Oshawa or Hamilton in order to find a choice of television channels? What is the purpose—

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**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Pappas:** Mr. Speaker, I had not finished. Go ahead.

**Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga):** Mr. Speaker, I was about to say to the hon. member that, whether he is a spiritual guide or temporal guide of his constituents, does not concern me personally. I wish to add that restrictions on cable did not happen only in Edmonton but happened in various other places throughout the country for reasons which have to do with the economic viability of the Canadian stations in the various capitals. I cannot reasonably say any more in the time allowed for an answer in the question period, but that is the basic reason.

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**PENITENTIARIES****ESTABLISHMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that

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more and more sentences by our courts include recommendations for psychiatric treatment for those convicted, and in view of the fact that most federal inmates are not getting adequate psychiatric treatment before parole, what measures is the minister now taking to meet this ever-growing crisis?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, we are setting up five regional medical and psychiatric centres across the country. We have already set up three of the five. We hope to start two new ones this year, one in Saskatoon and one in the Maritimes. I might say that we are having difficulty engaging a sufficient number of psychiatrists for the positions we now have available. It is very difficult to get them to work in our service.

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**LABOUR RELATIONS****DISPUTE BETWEEN SEAFARERS' UNION AND LAKE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON EFFORTS TO SETTLE**

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a question of the Minister of Labour, one of imperative and immediate necessity for consideration. As the Great Lakes shipping season will open five days earlier than the normal date, April 1, and as it is imperative that the strike on the part of the Seafarers Union should not be permitted to take place, will the minister say what action he has taken since he gave a general report yesterday and the day before to assure a settlement between the employers, the 17 shipping companies, and the union, because, with wheat piling up, it is important that action be taken and that there be no delay in shipments through the Great Lakes?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the right hon. gentleman before in the House, the government is well aware of the very serious consequences if this strike is not settled. Having said that, I would assure the right hon. gentleman that everything possible is being done in order to resolve this dispute. That includes efforts by our very experienced mediators in my department as well as private contact by myself with the parties.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Chair recognizes the right hon. member for a supplementary and then the hon. member for Huron, after which the Chair will have to call orders of the day.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, now that the minister has given a report to the House, would he say whether he is satisfied with the progress so far made in the negotiations and with the contribution made by his department? Is he reasonably sure that there will not be a strike, as a strike today would mean a K.O. to the western wheat market abroad and to the farmer?

**Mr. Munro (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, without intentionally trying to be technical on this matter, I suggest that there is actually a strike on at the moment, although not very many men are involved. I think the