

the railway strike, which is about to come before the house for debate, is based on recent consultation with labour leaders and have they assured the government that the terms of the legislation will be effective in getting the men back to work?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, of course it would be improper to discuss the terms of a bill with anybody outside the house when the bill has not been submitted inside the house. There have been discussions in respect of these difficulties with labour leaders as recently as this morning, but the terms of the bill have not been submitted to anybody outside of the house.

[Translation]

POSSIBILITY OF POSTAL WORKERS  
GOING ON STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the impending strike of postal workers which would be called around October 18, can the Prime Minister assure the house that the government is now taking all possible action to settle the disagreement before the start of this further strike in this country?

[English]

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to look into this particular matter and discuss it with the Minister of Labour.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RHODESIA—INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBLE  
USE OF FORCE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Is it now the policy of the government to employ force if necessary to dislodge the present government in Rhodesia?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I know of no basis for that question.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

YOUTH PARLIAMENT—REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. In view of the regrettable decision of the government not to

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proceed with the youth parliament in Canada's centennial year, may I ask the Secretary of State whether she would give consideration to reconvening the ad hoc committee at an early date, in view of the fact that this committee recommended the holding of a youth parliament, to see if this whole matter should be canvassed again?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to give consideration to that matter.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF INTE-  
GRATION MEASURES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Will the issues raised by Admiral Landymore and others in respect of integration and unification be referred to the committee on national defence and will retired high ranking officers such as Admiral Landymore have an opportunity to be present?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, it is the intention of the government to introduce in the house later this session amendments to the National Defence Act to permit the unification of the Canadian armed forces.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** You found out you could not do it without legislation.

**Mr. Hellyer:** It will be the intention of the government at that time to refer the bill to the standing committee on national defence, and it will be within the prerogative of that committee as to what witnesses it may care to call from outside the armed forces, including retired officers, who may wish to express their opinions.

**Mr. McCleave:** I have a supplementary question. Can the minister assure the house that no action will be taken in respect of common ranks and a common uniform until the committee has had an opportunity to study the proposed legislation?

**Mr. Hellyer:** Mr. Speaker, we have given an assurance that common ranks and a common uniform will not be introduced, except in so far as user trials of a common uniform are perhaps concerned, until the legislation has been dealt with by the house.