

Inquiries of the Ministry

give to the hon. member is no to both questions.

CAMP HILL, N.S.—REPORTED LACK OF
HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): My question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Is the hon. gentleman aware of the charges and accusations that have been made that legitimate, pensionable veterans have been refused bed space in the Camp Hill hospital while merchant seamen from Canada and other countries are occupying beds? Will he investigate this matter?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I have certainly not heard of this. I will look into it but I very much doubt the accuracy of that report.

[Translation]

EXPO '67

STATEMENTS IN "LA PRESSE" RESPECTING
LOGEXPO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce as the minister responsible for Expo '67.

Can he tell us whether he intends to take action against the Montreal paper *La Presse* because of the considerable damage caused by the irresponsible reports published in that paper with regard to Logexpo?

[English]

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I have not been contemplating any such action. Since the initial statement made by *La Presse* they have given very full coverage to the corrective action that has been taken and to the good progress now being made by Logexpo in bringing together people seeking accommodation and those who have it to offer.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Could the minister, with the help of his department and the Department of Justice, make inquiries in order to ascertain whether it is true that members of the Montreal underworld have approached an editorial writer from *La Presse* in an attempt to divert the attention of the Montreal police during Expo '67?

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RESPECTING
NEW UNIFORM

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Royal): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. I am wondering what would be the implications to the Canadian defence readiness posture if information about the colour and cut of the walking out uniform of the armed forces were to be finally disclosed to an anxious and breathless public.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult to know how to cope with such a comprehensive question as that raised by my hon. friend. However, if he is referring to the picture which appeared in some newspapers last week end, it might interest him to know that the gentleman in that picture was Captain Ken McLeod of the Queen's Own Rifles. He is a member of the directorate of ceremonials at headquarters in Ottawa. All the battle ribbons he was wearing were his own; and it is a great tribute to him that after so many years of distinguished service he is as useful—youthful as the picture portrays him to be.

Mr. MacEwan: Useful to the minister.

Mr. Hellyer: This very effective officer, who was having his picture taken—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

CO-OPERATIVES

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF
LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): May I direct a question to the Registrar General. On the day we recessed, March 22, he took as notice a question I asked with respect to a co-operatives act which the government has indicated from time to time was under consideration. I want to ask the minister at what stage the preparation is and whether we can expect this legislation to be produced in the near future.

Hon. Guy Favreau (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I must say that this legislation is still being considered in the light of the eventual amendment of other related acts, and no final decision has been taken at the moment.