

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Nations that the Council has condemned the unjustified attack on Lebanon by Israel, adding that such attacks should no longer be tolerated.

If so, does Canada approve the condemnation of the Israeli attack against Lebanon?

[*English*]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I commented on a similar question yesterday. Of course we are informed. I said at that time that I did not think comments of this kind on any particular incident would be a contribution to settlement.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

In that case, if the minister does not feel that it would be in the public interest to make such a statement, could he tell the House what steps the United Nations could take against such attacks?

[*English*]

**Mr. Sharp:** Well, Mr. Speaker, the best action that can be taken by all members of the United Nations is to support very strongly the implementation of resolution 242 of the Security Council which provides a framework within which a settlement can be reached. Until a settlement is reached there will be breaches of the ceasefire and violence. We ought to be working to help Ambassador Jarling fulfil his task.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

### ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN DRUGS BY FOOD AND DRUG DIRECTORATE

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the charge by the Ontario Medical Association that the Federal Food and Drug Directorate as long ago as March began refusing to analyse street drugs, thereby making treatment of these serious cases much more difficult, may I ask whether the minister has looked into this charge and, if so, has he ordered the federal Food and Drug Directorate to resume its analyses in order to aid in the treatment of these cases?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I did not precisely understand the hon. member's question. He referred to what drugs? Was it street drugs?

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker, they are called street drugs. They are drugs available on the street.

**Mr. Munro:** Well, I think the hon. member should be a little more specific. We are running tests on various drugs but whether they are street drugs I do not know. Was he referring to drugs such as marijuana, soft drugs or hard drugs? I wish he would be more specific.

**Mr. Hees:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker,—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It seems to me that if there is to be a series of questions and answers between the minister and the hon. member which would clarify what the hon. member wants, we shall not proceed very quickly. In any event, the hon. member seeks the floor on a point of order.

**Mr. Hees:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The minister asked me to be more specific. There have been extensive reports in all the newspapers about this charge. It refers to LSD, heroin and other drugs that can be purchased on the street. Would the minister please look into this important matter and take his job seriously.

**Mr. Munro:** Mr. Speaker, now that the hon. member has been more specific may I advise him that this is a matter of grave concern not only to the Food and Drug Directorate but to the whole department. We are looking into all these drug situations and conducting independent research into various drugs. As the hon. member also knows, the concern of this government in this area was so great that one of our first actions on taking office was the appointment of the LeDain Commission, and we are expecting a preliminary report shortly.

**Mr. Hees:** If your concern is so great, will you now do what the Ontario Medical Association says you should have been doing three months ago?

**Mr. Stanfield:** Can the minister not answer a question directly?

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister tell the House whether the charge of the Ontario Medical Association is correct, namely, that the department is refusing to analyse drugs for the alcoholism foundation which deals with people who have drug problems and come to them?