

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In view of the fact that there is a critical shortage of beds in veterans' hospitals, which fact was responsible for the death of at least one veteran in Hamilton, and that there are 200 veterans in Hamilton with the same medical condition awaiting admission to Sunnybrook hospital, is the government taking any steps to alleviate this situation?

**Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot accept, of course, the premise on which the question was based. If the hon. member will supply me with specific details of the case to which he is referring, I will have it looked into.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE****LEGISLATION COVERING POSSESSION OF DRUG LSD**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare, but in his absence I should like to direct it to the Prime Minister. In view of the reported seizure of a large quantity of the drug LSD in Toronto, is the Prime Minister prepared to announce legislation covering the possession of this dangerous drug?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to discuss this with the minister on his return later this afternoon.

[Translation]

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****REQUEST FOR REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIONS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J.-A. Mongrain (Trois-Rivières):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour?

Is it true that tomorrow or the day after tomorrow a meeting of the special committee of the federal cabinet will be held to study the litigation between the C.N.T.U. and the C.L.C. in connection with C.B.C. employees?

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not think that this question is acceptable.

[Later:]

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the hon. Minister of Labour.

Can he tell us if the Canadian Labour Congress refused to participate in a joint meeting of the C.L.C. and the C.N.T.U. to deal with the current C.B.C. union dispute, which meeting the minister had announced to the house some time ago?

[English]

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, there is no truth in that suggestion. A meeting had been tentatively arranged for Friday morning of this week at the request of the railway brotherhoods. The Canadian Congress of Labour intimated that it would like to participate in any such discussions. I might say that at least one other labour organization, which is not associated with either the C.N.T.U. or C.L.C., has expressed a similar desire. It may be necessary for us to arrange another date, and we are now waiting a decision as to date from the ad hoc committee. I am awaiting the return of the chairman of this committee, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, to discuss the date with him.

I might say that I personally was inclined to agree to a short adjournment of the meeting, providing it could be held not later than around the middle of June, but I will have to discuss the date with the Minister of Trade and Commerce when he returns, and proceed with arrangements for the next meeting.

[Translation]

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, it may be that interpretation is wanting, but my question to the hon. Minister of Labour deals with the C.B.C. dispute and not the railways.

[English]

**Mr. Nicholson:** Mr. Speaker, that is the very matter to which I was referring. The railway unions, like any other nation-wide organizations, have an interest in the matter that was dealt with by the national labour relations board and is being considered by the ad hoc committee. The government would like to have all aspects of this matter before it, not just the aspects pertaining to the C.B.C.