

LABOUR RELATIONS

STATUS OF DISPUTE BETWEEN UPI
AND WIRE SERVICE GUILD

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. What is the present status of the federal board of conciliation in the dispute between the United Press International and the Canadian Wire Service Guild?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, this dispute between United Press International of Canada and the Canadian Wire Service, a Canadian local of the international union is now before a board of conciliation. The two sides agreed upon the chairman. The information given me is that the board was to have held its hearings on Thursday and Friday last. I have received no word to the contrary, and I expect to receive its report when it has completed its consideration of the matter.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

INQUIRY AS TO BRIEF FROM NAVAL
ORGANIZATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. M. Forrestal (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Has he yet considered the brief submitted by the Navy League of Canada, the Canadian Naval Association and the Naval Officers' Association and, if so, would he give immediate consideration to referring that very responsible brief to the standing committee on national defence?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I regret very much that I have not yet had time to read it in full, but I do suspect that if the committee, when it meets to consider the proposed legislation, wishes to consider the brief and summon any of the persons responsible for preparing it, that will be something completely within its jurisdiction.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Why not now?

Mr. Lambert: You are afraid of it.

RIVERS, MAN.—REPORTED INTENTION
TO CLOSE TRAINING CENTRE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister of National Defence. Is he now in a position to inform the house when and where the meeting will take place with respect to the continuing role of the air training centre at Rivers, Manitoba?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): I am not, Mr. Speaker. An undertaking has been given to meet with officials from the province of Manitoba. I cannot tell the time or place, but I know we are available to meet with them almost any time they wish to come.

Mr. Dinsdale: As a supplementary question, when a date has been set would the minister inform me.

Mr. Hellyer: I shall be pleased to let the hon. member know.

COAL

NOVA SCOTIA—INQUIRY AS TO
OPENING OF NEW MINE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources based on the Donald report which was tabled today. In view of the fact that the initial policy announced a year ago on October 3, 1965, by the then minister of labour was in favour of the opening of a new mine at Lingan, which he said would constitute an essential part of the new program, and in view of the fact that this was reiterated by the now Minister of National Health and Welfare on October 3, 1966, in Cape Breton, and in view of the fact that the Donald report says that the opening of a new mine—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):—should not be undertaken—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Would the hon. member kindly pose his question? He cannot preface a question with a speech.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I was just laying a foundation for the question and also trying to make it easier for the minister. Finally, in view of the fact that Dr. Donald has said—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):—that the opening of a new coal mine at Lingan should not be undertaken—