

Inquiries of the Ministry

B." commission to postpone further hearings in order to deny racial fanatics a national platform from which to advance their dangerous and divisive ideas?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICECONTINUATION OF STUDIES BY FLQ MEMBERS
IN PRISON

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice.

Could he tell us what steps his department intends to take about the hunger strike which has been going on for three days at the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I must say that two of the inmates in one place and four others in another place had gone on a hunger strike Monday. Two of them gave it up, one Monday morning and the other Monday afternoon, and the strike was over yesterday afternoon or evening in the case of the other four.

As for the steps that have been proposed, especially concerning the possibility for some to carry on their university courses, I am giving the most serious consideration to this matter and I shall soon be able to report on it.

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HEALTH AND WELFARENEW DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS RESPECTING
HEART DISEASE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I gave her very inadequate notice, but perhaps she can answer it. Has she had her attention called to the statement by a distinguished United States doctor that politicians and air line pilots would be well advised to submit to a new heart disease diagnostic process called cine coronary arteriography; and will the minister give consideration to having this equipment installed in the House of Commons so as to promote the physical longevity of cabinet ministers and perhaps other hon. members of the house?

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Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member did show me a newspaper clipping just before entering the house, and I pointed out to him that perhaps some hon. members felt there were enough films being taken of them already without worrying about one of their hearts. However, I should like to say that it is not the belief of this government that it will be necessary to resort to such techniques in order to prolong its own longevity.

NATIONAL DEFENCEQUEBEC—ADMISSION FEE TO WATCH CHANGING
OF GUARD

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, on Monday last the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) asked whether, in some places in Canada, army officers required payment of an admission fee by spectators to attend the changing of the guard and, in a supplementary question, he asked if I could take some action so that army officers would abolish the amount of 75 cents which is required from every tourist who wants to see the changing of the guard at the Quebec Citadel.

I wish to inform the house that the amount of 75 cents to which my hon. friend referred is required from every person who wishes to visit the Quebec Citadel, with or without the changing of the guard.

The Citadel is an important historic site and armoury whose operation and management fall exclusively under the Royal 22nd Regiment and not the Department of National Defence.

Because of the great number of people who visit the Citadel, it is necessary for the 22nd regiment to hire guides recruited among war veterans and students. The admission price is used, among other things, to pay the guides' and watchmen's salaries and for the maintenance of the regiment's museum which is open to the public all year round.

Because of the way the Citadel itself is built, and because it also holds the Governor General's summer residence, the changing of the guard takes place inside the walls and people who are already in the Citadel at the time of that ceremony can of course see it without paying anything extra.