

government to place before the House any measure relating to constitutional change prior to that date?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): The Prime Minister I hope will be in the House soon and will give a full report. I would point out that in the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the meeting the first step is for the first ministers to report the charter to their governments for consideration. If the charter, which is to be treated as a whole, is accepted and this acceptance is communicated to the secretary of the conference by Monday, June 28, the governments will recommend the charter to their legislative assemblies. So the first step in this process will be the report by first ministers to their respective governments.

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): A supplementary question. I appreciate that the Prime Minister may be reporting at great length, Mr. Speaker, but I wonder if the Acting Prime Minister as the acting head of government today could indicate to the House if there is any special significance in the date, June 28?

Mr. Sharp: No. It is Monday, Mr. Speaker.

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WHEAT—UNITED STATES INTENTION TO SELL TO MAINLAND CHINA AND U.S.S.R.—CANADIAN ACTION TO PROTECT POSITION

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question is for the Minister without Portfolio in charge of the Wheat Board. As it is apparent that the United States is going to go hard after wheat sales to Mainland China and the U.S.S.R., does the minister foresee increased wheat production and cut export prices by the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order, I doubt whether the hon. member's question is in order. The hon. member is inviting the minister to look into the future. I am not sure whether it is proper for the Chair to suggest that a question should not be asked on that basis, but it does seem weak procedurally. The hon. member may like to rephrase the question.

Mr. Ryan: In view of this very serious development across the border, what steps does the minister intend to take?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Wheat Board has been staying in close touch with our principal customers and of course will continue this work. We also, as indicated the last day, believe in the principle of orderly marketing and will be continuing to take what steps we can to ensure that principle is safeguarded in the world.

[Later:]

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister responsible for the Wheat Board arising out of the question

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which was asked by the hon. member for Spadina. In the absence of any pricing arrangement following the last conference dealing with the International Grains Arrangement, will the minister, or his colleague, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, take it upon himself to consult with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and discuss the recent announcement in regard to the United States entry into the Chinese market so that we may avoid any price war in future?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, we will be pursuing every possible avenue to maintain orderly marketing. The parties to the International Grains Arrangement agreed to keep this matter very carefully under review and to discuss again specific pricing arrangements when it seemed possible to reach agreement.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JULES DEMICHER—REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, some time ago the Minister of Labour informed the member for Winnipeg North that the minister had authorized an investigation into the Demicher case which involved an allegation of discrimination in the Public Service. Can the minister inform us whether that investigation has been completed and whether he has anything yet to report to the House about it?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, this case has had wide publicity. It is a case of Mr. Demicher alleging discrimination within the Public Service. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Minister of Labour under the Fair Employment Practices Act, I delegated authority to Professor Tarnopolsky to conduct an investigation. I was informed before I entered the House today that the professor had concluded his investigation. However, I have not had an opportunity to analyze the document which I presume is waiting for me in my office.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Will the report be tabled?

Mr. Mackasey: The normal practice in this type of investigation is not to table the documents or make them public, but in view of the publicity which has surrounded this case more harm may be done to Mr. Demicher and other people involved if, for some reason, the report is not tabled. I would want to evaluate the report, following our usual custom, to see if harm could unintentionally be done to anybody and I will render a decision not later than tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We are running short of time and actually have just about reached the end of the question period. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants and the hon. member for Mackenzie on one supplementary before calling orders of the day.