

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. There is no question of privilege here. This is a dispute over the interpretation of facts and figures between the Minister of National Defence and the hon. gentleman who placed the question. Certainly I do not think this is the time to resolve the difficulty.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister took a question of mine as notice yesterday. Is he prepared to answer today?

**Mr. Hellyer:** Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Defence. I wonder whether the minister is aware of the effect that his attitude, displayed yesterday and today, is having on the morale of the members of the Canadian armed forces.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. That question is not acceptable.

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### REQUEST FOR REPORT ON WORK OF MEDIATOR

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that it will be two weeks on Sunday since the Prime Minister asked Mr. Stuart Keate to consult with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation management and producers, does the Prime Minister yet have a report from Mr. Keate on the results of his efforts? If not, will he make an inquiry and give us a statement on Monday?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I asked Mr. Keate how he was getting along the other day, and he said he was getting along very well and hoped to be able to finish his work very shortly.

**Mr. R. W. Prittie (Burnaby-Richmond):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the hon. member for York South asked the Prime Minister about the attendance of the executive assistant to the Secretary of State at these talks. Can the Prime Minister reply to that question today?

**Mr. Pearson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. When Mr. Keate was good enough to take on this assignment he indicated to me that he might

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need assistance of a general and administrative character from somebody with knowledge of broadcasting and its relationship to government, who could do some research work and help him in his communications. For that purpose the Secretary of State agreed to make available to Mr. Keate her executive assistant, and he has been helping Mr. Keate in that capacity.

### TRADE

#### HIDES AND SKINS—COPPER—OPERATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce in view of the importance attached to controls on calf hides and skins. Has he anything further to add to the explanation he gave to the house in an answer on April 27?

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member was kind enough to give me notice of his question. I might say that since I replied to a similar question in the house on April 27 there has been no material change in the situation affecting hides and skins. No permits have been issued for re-export to any destination of United States origin hides and skins since the requirement for permits was imposed on March 24. Owing to the very heavy and unprecedented volume of movements to area list countries, further processing of permits has been suspended temporarily. To assist in keeping the situation under review it is intended to invite representatives from industry and the trades concerned to form an industry advisory committee.

**Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise the house whether any applications for permits for the export of copper products have been received? If so, what has been the disposition of those by the government?

**Mr. Winters:** At the moment, I do not have knowledge of the number since the regulation went into effect. One application has been received within the last few days. That application was a request for permission to ship a small amount of concentrate from a mine in New Brunswick. That concentrate, containing some copper, is high in zinc content, also in lead. It is a concentrate that is difficult to