

Inquiries of the Ministry

speaking directly to the Japanese minister of finance in order to support our application.

Mr. Ron Basford (Vancouver-Burrard): As a supplementary question, will the minister assure the house that nothing will be done to interfere with Canadian-Japanese trading?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, this is the problem the government faces, illustrated most vividly by speakers on this side of the house.

[Translation]

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Can he inform the house whether he has taken the necessary steps to protect the shoe industry in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I suggest that this question is much too general in scope to be asked at present. I believe that the hon. member is asking the minister to make a statement, which would be appropriate on motions.

Mr. Ricard: With all due respect, sir, I believe that my question is similar to that asked by the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Allard), since it concerns an industry of vital importance to the people of this country.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has made his representations.

[English]

DRUGS

TORONTO—STEPS TO COMBAT USE OF MARIJUANA IN SCHOOLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Prime Minister. Has the federal government been requested to assist the efforts of Toronto municipal and school officials to combat the increasing efforts of international drug syndicates to push the use of marijuana in Canadian schools?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to look into that question.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

INQUIRY AS TO PROVINCES ACCEPTING INVITATION TO ATTEND

On the orders of the day:

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, more than a week ago, on Monday,

September 25, I asked the Prime Minister to inform the house what provinces had accepted his invitation to the federal-provincial conference called for early next year. The Prime Minister replied that he preferred not to do that then but if I would wait until the end of the week he could give a full reply. Is he now in a position to do so?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I can give a fuller reply, Mr. Speaker. I think seven provinces have accepted, and perhaps tomorrow I will be able to give the full list, including those which have not yet been able to answer my letter.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): When the Prime Minister replies tomorrow perhaps he would also reply to the question I put to him on two occasions with respect to representation by the governments of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, the Yukon and Northwest Territories will be represented at this conference in the usual fashion followed over the years by the federal government.

LABOUR RELATIONS

TORONTO—ADMISSION OF AVIATION FUELING FIRM SUPERVISORS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is he now in a position to answer the question put to him yesterday by the hon. member for York South concerning the reported admission to Canada of 15 supervisors to work for Consolidated Aviation Fueling of Toronto Limited in the face of a legal strike?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I received the telegram to which the hon. member for York South referred yesterday. The report I have indicates that 15 supervisory men came from the United States and concealed the true purpose of their visit to Canada. They did not indicate to our officers that they were coming here to work for the Consolidated Aviation Fueling company. A meeting was held the following day with the president of the company following which our local officers decided, for reasons of safety, that these men could remain in Canada. I am assured now that this is not at all necessary, and these men will be asked to quit Canada within 48 hours.