

Inquiries of the Ministry

understand that the hon. member has a supplementary?

Mr. McIntosh: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps my question should be addressed to the Minister of National Defence, but in his absence maybe the Secretary of State for External Affairs could answer it. Are there any provisions in Canada's collective alliance agreements which prohibit Canada's harbouring deserters from nations associated with Canada in such alliances?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The question as asked by the hon. member cannot be in order. He is asking for information interpreting agreements or treaties between countries. It seems to me this is not the type of question which should be answered now.

Mr. McIntosh: With all deference to you, Mr. Speaker, I just asked whether there are any provisions in the agreements. I do not have copies of the agreements. Perhaps the Postmaster General could tell us, if the Secretary of State for External Affairs cannot.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as you have said this is a question which requires interpretation of a statute. I will take the question as notice, but perhaps it would be better if the hon. gentleman were to place it on the order paper.

Mr. McIntosh: Have any discussions been held on this question between the authorities of the United States and Canada?

Mr. Sharp: I will have to take notice of that.

[*Translation*]

VIOLENT DISTURBANCES

QUEBEC—EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT BY UNION

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice, I shall put my question to the Prime Minister.

Since a labor leader stated in Quebec yesterday that he and his group backed strongly those perpetrating acts of violence in Quebec, or who intended to indulge in violence, is it the intention of the government to carry out an inquiry in this connection?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, while the Minister of Justice is in Vancouver for the purpose of carrying on the discussions on the Constitution undertaken last week with the provincial Ministers

[Mr. Speaker.]

of Justice, my reply to the hon. member is that this matter, as many others, comes under the administration of justice and does not, therefore, fall under our jurisdiction, unless we are asked by the province to intervene. I know that the hon. member is a strong supporter of provincial autonomy and surely he does not want us to act in any way that would run counter to such autonomy.

[*English*]

DRUGS

L.S.D.—INVESTIGATION BY R.C.M.P. INTO ILLEGAL IMPORTATION

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Solicitor General. Could he tell the house whether the R.C.M.P. has been able to clarify the situation with regard to the smashing of an international drug ring wherein great quantities of l.s.d. were coming into Canada, and is there anything further he can tell us beyond what he did not tell the hon. member for Palliser some ten days ago?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker, I am not able to give the hon. member information at the moment, but I will look at the question to see if something can be given at a later stage.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, would the minister look into the question and advise whether the drug was being manufactured in Canada in Canadian government laboratories, and in particular was any employee of the government involved in its manufacture on behalf of the ring?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I shall be very glad to look into that matter.

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE REPAYMENT OF OVERCHARGES

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on Friday, February 7 I addressed a question to the Prime Minister. I have been led to believe that by now an answer might be forthcoming. My question related to reports that a number of drug firms in the United States are making payments of \$120 million to cover overcharges that had resulted in excess profits. I asked whether the government of Canada is studying this matter and whether legislation might be brought in