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licensing of these substances, and chemicals of this nature thus preventing them from entering into the food chain and becoming generally available to the public?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice and make some inquiries.

INDUSTRY**ELECTRONICS—REACTION TO UNION REPRESENTATIONS—MARKET FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce whether he was present and received a delegation from members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers yesterday? If so, would he take the House into his confidence and tell us what assurance he gave them for future employment?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I understood that the meeting was for the purpose of enlightening both sides and I think this was done.

Mr. Skoberg: Mr. Speaker, in view of the estimated market available for electronic tubes for the next seven to ten years, and in view of the lay-off of Canadian electrical workers in the electronic tube manufacturing industry, would the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce indicate whether he is prepared to initiate a feasibility study into the market available to electronic tube manufacturers in Canada?

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, my department is very knowledgeable on these matters. Yesterday, we explained at full length what the strategy was. In the case of receiving tubes, it is known that this is a declining market. Tubes are not being used in TV sets and radios to any extent now, and we are therefore putting our money into helping research and development into production of the third generation which is the micro-circuit weaponry, and great progress has been made in that direction. As a matter of fact—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

IMMIGRATION**NUMBER OF U.S. DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS IN TEACHING PROFESSION**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the

[Mr. Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo).]

Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Would the minister indicate to the House the number of draft dodgers and deserters who are now in the teaching profession in Canada?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has asked a similar question before. At that time, I indicated to him he was seeking detailed statistical information and the question should be placed on the Order Paper.

POST OFFICE**TERMINATION OF OTTAWA STRIKE—NEGOTIATIONS TO AVOID NATIONAL STRIKE**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I should like to ask the Postmaster General if he could bring the House up to date on the progress being made in terminating the postal strike which is taking place in Ottawa today? Could the minister also advise what progress is being made in talks with postal employees in general across Canada with the idea in mind of averting a strike?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman knows, those negotiations are being conducted by the employer, the President of the Treasury Board. It is my understanding that the unions have asked for a delay, I suppose in order to inform their members. With respect to the various dislocations across the country, I would interpret those particular strikes as really being against their own national executive rather than against those who are conducting the negotiations on behalf of the government. They are also, of course, strikes against the people of Canada.

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the President of the Treasury Board take the minister into his confidence and tell him what is going on in these negotiations with his employees?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Moose Jaw.

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the postal workers' concern over job security, and in view of the enlightened position of many employers in adopting a policy of allowing attrition to take care of long-term employees, would the minister state now whether he is receptive to job security for such long-term postal workers?