

Inquiries of the Ministry

war, including women and children, by the Viet Cong and by the North Vietnamese, so that we may have a report on the matter?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Yes, sir.

INDUSTRY**PROVISION OF ANTI-POLLUTION EQUIPMENT ON CANADIAN CARS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Before I pose my question I should like to tell him how happy are his friends on this side of the house that he escaped what could have been a very serious accident and is safe today. It is safer in the air than on the road.

Before the recess the minister said he would examine United States regulations relating to pollution of the air in cities as they pertain to the clean air package which is to be mandated into cars to be built and imported into the United States. In view of the pollution problem in our own cities, can we in Canada expect similar regulations to protect Canadian cities this year?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his good wishes, which I noticed were not unanimously shared even by members on this side of the house.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacEachen: I do intend to have a word with the Minister of Industry on this point, and I will answer the hon. member's question at a very early date.

Mr. Grafftey: Mr. Speaker, I should now like to pose a supplementary question to the Minister of Industry. In view of the fact that the industry has stated that in Canada these features would be extra cost optionals only—that is, these clean air package features—and in view of the fact that the Minister of Industry has said he would make representations to the industry, may I ask him whether he has done so and can now assure the house and the Canadian people that these clean air package features will be standard equipment in cars in Canada in the future, as they will be in the United States?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): Mr. Speaker, I have not yet had the opportunity of carrying out my undertaking to have discussions with the industry.

[Mr. Nesbitt.]

Mr. Grafftey: Then I can only ask both ministers to see that these considerations and discussions are carried out with dispatch before it is too late—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Grafftey:—and the population in the cities of Canada are faced with a *fait accompli*.

LABOUR RELATIONS**MARITIME UNIONS TRUSTEES—APPEARANCE BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the recent extension of the authority of the maritime transportation unions trustees for a year, and in view of the interest of many members of this house, members of trade unions and other people in the activities of the trustees, will the trustees be asked to appear before the House of Commons committee on labour and employment in the near future?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having given me notice of this question. Unfortunately I got it just as I was coming into the house and have not had a chance to consider it fully. I think there is merit in the suggestion. I understand the trustees are now working on their annual report for the year 1966; in fact I have received a letter to this effect within the last two weeks. While I cannot make a definite commitment because the board of trustees have to be consulted as well as the chairman of the house committee, I think there is merit in the suggestion made by the hon. member. When the annual report is available, as I hope it will be at a relatively early date, it will be tabled and distributed. Since the board of trustees are responsible to this house I would hope that some arrangement could be worked out along the lines of the suggestion made by my hon. friend.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. If the report does not contain anything more than the last one it will not take very long to complete it. Would the minister also prevail upon them to be frank in their disclosures and answers to questions of committee members when they are here next time?