

Inquiries of the Ministry

I would be able to satisfy my hon. friend as to what has come out of the conference.

Mr. Nowlan: I thank the minister.

LABOUR RELATIONS**MONTREAL—REPORTED WILDCAT STRIKE OF LONGSHOREMEN**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): I should like to address a question to the Minister of Labour and ask him if there is any truth in the report that there is a wildcat walkout of longshoremen in the Montreal area. If so, what is being done to bring about a resumption of work?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour): Yes, there is a walkout in Montreal having to do with the adjustment in the pension fund. The commissioner appointed to settle the strike last fall is now undertaking to provide as quickly as possible an interim report that might be used as a basis for the resumption of work.

THE MINISTRY**APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS IN HOME RIDINGS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister a question regarding the two orders in council passed appointing staff for two cabinet ministers to serve in the constituencies of the cabinet ministers in question. I ask the Prime Minister, is it the intention of the government to continue these orders in council in effect, and is it the intention of the government to extend this policy to cover other cabinet ministers?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Privy Council has already indicated that he is to make a full statement on this matter, and I hope he will be able to do so very shortly.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**CYPRUS—EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF COMMITMENT OF CANADIAN FORCE**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs?

[Mr. Sharp.]

Has the government reached a decision about continuing Canada's participation in the U.N. force now on Cyprus?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the United Nations' security council next Wednesday, I think after which I will be in a position to make a statement about that matter.

[*Text*]

HEALTH AND WELFARE**OTTAWA—REQUEST FOR X-RAY EXAMINATION OF POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has the minister received a request from employees of the Besserer street post office, Ottawa, for an immediate X-ray of all local employees to end the grave concern that a tuberculosis outbreak is imminent? If so, what is the minister's intention with respect to this request; and would she give consideration to arranging for X-rays of post office employees working under similar conditions in some of the larger post offices in Canada?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my hon. friend for giving me notice of this question, but I do not as yet have the information. I would be glad to obtain it and reply to my hon. friend later.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**CONTINUATION OF STUDIES BY FLQ MEMBERS IN PRISON**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice?

Can the minister tell us if his department has investigated the possibility of allowing the F.L.Q. members now serving time in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary to keep up their studies while they are confined there?

[*Text*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There is no particular urgency to this question. Would the hon. member put it on the order paper.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: In view of the fact that the prisoners started a hunger strike this morning