

Oral Questions

changed and, if so, when will the minister announce what the new date will be?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, there has been no change in that. As I say, there has been no final decision yet.

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HEALTH**REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDS FOR RESEARCH ON
ARTIFICIAL PANCREAS—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare a question regarding the funding of the artificial pancreas, now technically operative and able to do the work of a failing diabetic pancreas on demand. Apparently all that remains to be done is to reduce the artificial pancreas to a micro-sized implantable one, the same as we have done with the pacemaker. I believe this particular project needs special consideration both historically and scientifically. Insulin was discovered 50 years ago in Toronto, Ontario. It was world startling and brought hope to millions of people.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should ask this question.

Mr. Rynard: I wanted to place this in context because of the importance of the situation. In view of all the tradition and interesting scientific possibilities, will the minister use his good offices to approach the Medical Research Council and ask them to have another look at those priorities?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for having given me notice of this question. I am advised by the Medical Research Council that discussions are continuing between the investigators concerned and the Medical Research Council. We expect another proposal to be put forward before long. The MRC does not consider the matter as closed.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**ALLEGATION DR. SHULMAN HAS FILES BELONGING TO FORCE
ON POLITICAL AND UNION LEADERS—GOVERNMENT
POSITION**

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Solicitor General. Is the minister aware of Dr. Shulman's most recent allegation that he has RCMP files on political and union leaders in Canada? Did the minister instruct the RCMP to investigate what happened and just what is the political division of the RCMP?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, every time I hear this story, it is a little bit different. However, the RCMP did investigate all the allegations that Dr. Shulman made. They have questioned him on several occasions. As far as I know, there is no truth

[Mr. Gillies.]

whatsoever with respect to what Dr. Shulman is reported to have said.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**ALLEGED DECISION TO REDUCE LABOUR FORCE—MINISTER'S
POSITION**

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Labour.

Is he aware of a telegram from the union members of the Canadian National protesting against the decision of the president to reduce its labour force by 10 per cent and does the minister intend to order an inquiry as to whether such layoffs are justified?

[English]

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, at this moment I am not aware of the telegram. I will check my office to see if it arrived in the last hour or so. If a telegram of that nature should arrive, I agree with the hon. member that it is a very serious matter indeed and I will look into it.

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MANPOWER**WOMEN'S CAREER COUNSELLING CENTRE—REASON FOR
FAILURE TO RENEW CONTRACT**

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact this is International Women's Year and in view of the Prime Minister's statement of January 22 about Canada's program of support, which includes federal funding of groups and organizations, I wish to ask the minister why the Ottawa Women's Career Counselling Centre, an innovative and creative project funded under his department's Outreach program, has not been offered renewal of the full 12 month contract it sought and which is essential if the project is to survive.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think it is reasonable to expect the minister to have that kind of information at his fingertips.

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INDUSTRY**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY FOR
CANADA**

Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Some time ago the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, speaking to the House stated, and I quote, "I think most people have gained the expectation that all we have to do to solve everything is to produce some sort of all-purpose grandiose government game plan called 'an industrial strategy for Canada'". However, last week to a