

### Questions

member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas), to move the following motion:

That any minute or other document recording a decision of cabinet respecting the screening of foreign investment in Canada, dated July 29, 1971, or at any time subsequent thereto, be tabled forthwith.

**Mr. Speaker:** Again this motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43 and thus requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is obviously not unanimity on this point and the motion cannot be put.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### TABLING OF STATEMENT ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE WITHDRAWING CANADIAN OPTION TO MAKE USE OF TEAR GAS

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the text in both languages of the statement of Canada's position regarding chemical and biological warfare.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** That is not the one I asked for.

**Mr. Baldwin:** How about parliamentary warfare?

**Mr. Sharp:** This statement was made yesterday at the first committee of the United Nations General Assembly in the course of an intervention on disarmament by the Canadian delegate, Mr. George Ignatieff, and it has the effect of withdrawing Canada's previously maintained option to make first use of tear gas in warfare.

**Mr. Baldwin:** We give unanimous consent.

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### CANADA STUDENT LOAN PLAN

Question No. 1,903—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. Is the Department of Finance presently considering a contingent repayment system to replace the present Canada Student Loan Plan?

2. Is the Department of Finance giving consideration to developing assistance programs with the provinces for part-time students?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** 1. No.

2. The department is continuously reviewing the operations and effectiveness of the Canada Student Loans program including the question of eligibility for loans.

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

#### GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE OF LOAN TO MING SUNG INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD.

Question No. 1,912—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. With regard to the government's guarantee of a loan of \$10,200,000 made by Canadian banks to the Ming Sung Industrial Company Limited, what payments, if any, has the government made to Canadian banks in addition to the \$2,962,977.30 paid up until December 10, 1952?

2. Has the government recovered any of the payments made to Canadian banks under the terms of the government's guarantee of this loan?

3. Were the assets of the Ming Sung Industrial Company taken over by the Government of mainland China?

4. Has any attempt been made by the government to recover from the Government of mainland China the amount owing, either before or since the Government of mainland China was recognized by Canada?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** 1. The loan to the Ming Sung Industrial Company was for an amount of \$12,750,000 not \$10,200,000. Payments made to the chartered banks after December 10, 1952 totalled \$11,506,205.76, including interest.

2. No.

3. The evidence suggests that most of the assets passed into the control of the local authorities of the People's Republic of China.

4. During the negotiation between Canada and the People's Republic of China which preceded the establishment of diplomatic relationship, the Canadian side referred to the existence of the Ming Sung claims. In response the Chinese indicated a willingness to discuss the matter after relations were established. The Canadian Government intends to raise this and other claims with the Government of the People's Republic of China through local diplomatic channels and hopes to negotiate an equitable settlement.

#### COST OF LEDAIN COMMISSION

Question No. 1,922—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

As of October 15, 1971, what amount was spent on the operation of the LeDain Commission on the non-medical use of drugs and what is the overall final budget expected to be?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** (1) Expenditures to October 15, 1971, \$2,263,354.13.

(2) Estimated total cost, \$2,700,000.

#### PARLIAMENT HILL—INCREASED SPACE FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Question No. 1,924—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

What is the present status of the government's plans to renovate the buildings adjoining Parliament Hill with the aim of increasing operating and secretarial space of Members of Parliament?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** The Department of Public Works has under study the condition and use of the buildings adjoining Parliament Hill.