

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REPORTED USE OF DRUG IN SCENE FOR
"THIS HOUR HAS SEVEN DAYS"

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) brought to the attention of the chamber a rather unhappy story which was headlined in the *Toronto Telegram*, asking for information. The information I have for him is nothing particularly new, but I thought it should appear on the record after yesterday's query.

I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that it has noted the story published in the *Toronto Telegram*, which contains serious allegations. The matter has been referred to the Department of Justice, and on the advice of the department, because of the reference to the use of drugs, the C.B.C. has asked the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to conduct a full investigation.

I am further advised from sources outside the C.B.C. management that Mr. Leiterman and Miss Fox have instituted action and served notice of libel against the *Toronto Telegram* in respect of this story.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister, but I heard that release on the radio this morning.

HOUSING

MORTGAGE LOANS TO BE MADE BY CORPORATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Reid Scott (Danforth): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask the Minister of Labour a question with reference to his announcement this afternoon. Can we interpret the announcement as meaning that under direct lending the same number of mortgage loans will be available, as distinct from the same amount of money?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): The same number of mortgage loans will be available in order to provide a minimum of 31,500 houses. Apart from the guaranteed loans, these are direct loans.

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Does the 31,500 refer to new loans to be made this year?

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Nicholson: It refers to direct loans to be made by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington South): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. In giving out these N.H.A. loans, will areas with outstanding development of extensions, such as university communities, be given special preference?

Mr. Nicholson: Again, Mr. Speaker, I am very glad to have this question asked. This does not apply to housing for university areas at all; that is covered by special legislation which was passed in this house in 1964, and the funds were provided in the 1965 amendments. This type of housing, as well as housing for the elderly and lower income people, is in addition to the 31,500 direct loans.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Labour if the 15 per cent decline which he anticipates is to be in the private mortgage fund area of housing and, if so, whether that 15 per cent decline is based on an estimate after a survey among the insurance companies and lending institutions.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have some doubts whether the type of question which is now being asked by the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam, and other similar questions which have preceded it, should be accepted. It seems to me that if we get in the habit of allowing hon. members to ask a series of questions on announcements made on motions by the ministers, we will have daily debates on these announcements. It seems to me also that the information the hon. member is seeking now is not so urgently required that the question should be allowed at this time.

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INDUSTRY

CANADAIR—PRODUCTION OF NEW VEHICLE FOR ARMED FORCES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry.

Could he inform the house concerning a \$2.7 million contract awarded to Canadair, in Montreal, to build a new vehicle and could he say whether this vehicle will be used by the Canadian Army.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member would like to put his question on the order paper.