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[English]

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have one supplementary question. I wonder if, as well as continuing the study, which takes up time, the minister is engaged now in any specific action regarding the establishment of some kind of international mechanism to deal with this problem in the likely event that the research indicates dangers which can only be resolved by international action. Are specific steps being taken by Canada now to set up some international regime that would deal with this problem?

[Translation]

Mrs. Sauvé: Mr. Speaker, it is nothing other than joint investigations we are making with other countries having already information which we are also looking into now. Evidently, those who are inquiring about this matter also consider measures which could be taken eventually should we conclude that these substances are damaging to the environment.

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[English]

GRAIN

WHEAT—OPPORTUNITY FOR PRODUCERS TO DELIVER TO MORE THAN ONE POINT

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (McKenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice who is responsible for the Wheat Board. In view of the changing patterns of grain deliveries to country elevators in western Canada, has the Wheat Board given any consideration to providing the opportunity for farmers to deliver to several alternate points, not just the two points, one being the main point and the other the alternate point?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): The Wheat Board did that a year and a half ago, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Korchinski: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the wheat pool has purchased many elevators, thereby effectively reducing alternate points—farmers still have to deliver to the same elevator, there is an exchange between elevator agents at these points, and the farmers in many instances feel they are not getting a fair deal—is there an opportunity to deliver, for instance, to six alternate points?

Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in my previous answer, about a year and a half ago the Canadian Wheat Board in effect opened all delivery points to any farmer, and that has been the situation ever since.

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POST OFFICE

SUGGESTED BANNING OF HATE LITERATURE COMING FROM UNITED STATES

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General arising from the fact that postal services are being used at the moment by persons in

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the United States to mail to Canada, in apparently large numbers, a disgraceful item of anti-Semitic, racist hate literature which, among other, urges cleaning up politics by kicking a Jew out of public office. I should like to ask the minister if his department would undertake to investigate this matter and ban the mailing to Canada of any items of this kind from the source from which this hate literature has come?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to look into the matter, to ascertain the facts, and take appropriate action.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POSSIBILITY OF MORATORIUM ON SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTORS TO COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT MISUSE THEM AND PUBLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. Given the fact that the Prime Minister has expressed much concern about the possibility of an end run around the use of the Canadian reactor by some other countries, would the Prime Minister give consideration to the fact that the ultimate safeguard, so far as Canada is concerned, is not to sell the reactor in the first place, and to put a moratorium on the sale of reactors to countries where we are concerned there might be a possibility of misuse?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes indeed, Mr. Speaker, the government has considered that. But I believe the answer to that has been given by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and myself, namely, that we have the moral obligation not to keep our technology to ourselves and refuse to share it with other countries if we can find ways of sharing it and avoiding any destabilizing effect on nuclear explosions. We are trying to do both, Mr. Speaker. It would be easier, of course not to share our technology, but we prefer to find ways to share it and at the same time to prevent its use for explosions.

Mr. Gillies: I realize the position the Prime Minister is taking, but given the fact that this subject has become a matter of such great importance to Canadians, would the Prime Minister be prepared to announce to the House of Commons those safeguards of which he is so proud so that the matter could be debated here to make sure that everyone in Canada can be as confident as he is?

Mr. Trudeau: I believe that these safeguards were announced in December by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Members of the opposition had occasion to debate them just last week.