

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker. Since a very large proportion of the travellers from Canada going overseas are going to the United Kingdom it seemed to us that this was the area of greatest concern.

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, may I ask whether the advertising campaign conducted about passports, which appeared in newspapers on Saturday, is the extent of the government's campaign in this regard, or can we expect a more imaginative program?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of this report, and of what he has now said about a certain position of Canadians going to the United Kingdom without a passport, and since British citizens travelling to certain European countries do not require passports, may I ask the minister whether this could be added to the position of Canadian travellers?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I will take this as notice, but it is quite some time since we severed our colonial ties.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question of the minister. In view of the considerable interest and desire of a large number of our citizens who speak French to visit France, would the minister consider making the same sort of representations to the government of France as he has done with regard to the United Kingdom in order to assist travellers to that country?

Mr. Sharp: I will take this question as a suggestion, Mr. Speaker.

TRADE**WHEAT—FURTHER SHIPMENT TO JAPAN IN SETTLEMENT FOR INFERIOR QUALITY DELIVERED**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Is the government giving consideration to compensating the Wheat Board for the \$160,000 it had to pay to Japan in compensation for damaged grain shipped to that country?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): No, Mr. Speaker, but I was asked yesterday why it was a cash [Mr. Howe.]

payment. The answer I received from the Wheat Board is that the negotiations between the board and the Japanese Food Agency were meant to be confidential, but in the light of the publicity given to this matter I can inform the house that there was agreement by both sides that a cash settlement was desirable. It was further agreed that payment would be directed to the wheat research organization of the Japanese Millers Association.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The western farmer pays through the nose again.

Mr. Burton: Has the government determined responsibility for the situation which arose in connection with this dispute?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that the hon. member is asking a question which had been asked previously.

Mr. Burton: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, and with all deference I might suggest that we have not obtained an answer to that question which was asked previously.

NATIONAL DEFENCE**NATO—INQUIRY AS TO COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF CANADIAN FORCES**

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Has a decision been made by the government to withdraw completely our forces in NATO, and also has a decision been made to announce the phasing out dates? I ask these questions in view of the remarks attributed to the President of the Privy Council in London yesterday.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, my information is that the President of the Privy Council talked about a reduction and not a withdrawal. Therefore there should be no confusion.

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary to the question addressed to the Prime Minister by the hon. member for Oxford. In view of the fact that the President of the Privy Council said a decision should be made prior to May 31 on the withdrawal of Canadian troops from NATO, was the President of the Privy Council stating government policy when he made that announcement?

Mr. Trudeau: Is the hon. member referring to the date now or the vocabulary?

Mr. Thompson: The date.