

2. What proportion of such assistance was given under the heading agriculture or agricultural products?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The answer, in so far as CIDA is concerned, is:

| | 1968-69 | 1969-70 |
|----|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | \$23,635,000 | \$34,585,000 |
| 2. | 48.5 per cent | 55.7 per cent |

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—REPRESENTATIONS BY
MR. CRANFORD PRATT

Question No. 596—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government advise if the representations made by Mr. Cranford Pratt before the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence have influenced its policy towards Rhodesia or any other African nation?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Government receives representations from many individuals or organizations who are interested in international affairs. It is not possible to identify the specific influence which any particular individual or group may have on Government policy.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—REPRESENTATIONS BY
MR. CLYDE SANGER

Question No. 621—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government advise if the representations made by Mr. Clyde Sanger before the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence have influenced government policy towards Rhodesia or any other African nation?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Government receives representations from many individuals or organizations who are interested in international affairs. It is not possible to identify the specific influence which any particular individual or group may have on Government policy.

RHODESIA—THREAT TO WORLD PEACE—CANADIAN
POSITION ON MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED NATIONS

Question No. 624—**Mr. Robinson:**

Does the government consider Rhodesia as a threat to world peace and (a) if so, in what way (b) if not, will the government consider supporting a Rhodesian application for entry into the United Nations?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In 1968 the Security Council, of which Canada was then a member, passed unanimously a resolution which contained a reaffirmation of the Security Council's determination that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security. The basis for the Canadian support of this resolution was the Government's appreciation of the situation following upon the unilateral declaration of independence by the minority regime in Rhodesia. Since Canada does not recognize Rhodesia as an independent state, the Government would not support a Rhodesian application for membership in the United Nations.

Questions

RECOGNITION OF RHODESIA AS INDEPENDENT STATE

Question No. 629—**Mr. Robinson:**

Does the government recognize Rhodesia as an independent state and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Canada does not recognize Rhodesia as an independent state. The Government regards the unilateral declaration of independence by the minority regime as illegal.

AIRPORTS—OTTAWA AND REGINA

Question No. 630—**Mr. Skoberg:**

1. (a) Have any plans been initiated for the providing of enclosed passenger ramps at the Ottawa International Airport (b) is such a proposal being given active consideration?

2. Are plans being made to provide for a cocktail lounge at the Airport in Regina, and (a) if so, when will construction start (b) if not, is it being considered for the immediate future?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. (a) No. (b) proposal is currently under review.

2. No plans are being made specifically for a cocktail lounge at this time. (b) Terminal building expansion is tentatively considered for fiscal year 1973-74, at which time the matter of the cocktail lounge will be given due consideration.

SUPPORT OF REQUEST BY RHODESIA TO BE HEARD
BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL

Question No. 666—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government support a request by Rhodesia to be heard before the Security Council of the United Nations during the present session and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): It is the prerogative of the Security Council to decide who may appear before it. Canada is not at present a member of the Council. Presumably any hearing for Rhodesians would be in conformity with Rule 39 of the Security Council Rules of Procedure which stipulates that the Council may invite persons considered competent to supply it with information or to give other assistance and that they would only be heard as individuals, not as representatives of a state which no member of the United Nations recognizes.

PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAID DURING FISCAL
YEAR 1969-70

Question No. 687—**Mr. Rodrigue:**

1. What was the public debt at the end of the fiscal year 1969-70?

2. What was the interest paid on the public debt during the fiscal year 1969-70?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. Gross unmatured public debt amounted to \$22,637,140,229.

2. Interest on the public debt amounted to \$1,675,910,611.