

the people resident there. Is it correct that the Food and Agricultural Organization will be meeting toward the end of this month to discuss this question? If so, will Canada be represented at this meeting, at what level and do we have specific proposals to put forward?

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**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to say that Canada has been in the forefront of countries that have been helping in this tragedy in Africa. Mr. Gerin-Lajoie, President of CIDA, has just returned from a personal inspection of the efforts we are making. Our planes were the first to arrive and have been the most useful in carrying food from the ports to the interior. As to the specific question, I am not quite sure whether the food and agriculture organization is having a meeting. At any rate, I had a letter on Friday from the Director General of the organization thanking Canada for its co-operation.

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### ENERGY

TAPS TANKER ROUTE—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE  
CANADIAN POSITION MADE CLEAR TO UNITED STATES IN  
MAY, 1972

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and relates to recent problems connected with the tanker route and a trip tomorrow by some parliamentarians to Washington. In view of the government's position that answers given to the United States have been on public record and known for many months by the United States, can the minister assure the House that the vital question concerning ownership of the pipeline was made abundantly clear to United States secretary Rogers Morton in May, 1972?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources said in the House he had been carrying on these talks with the United States administration directly, I think he ought to answer the question rather than myself. I did not have any conversations with Secretary Morton.

**Mr. Fraser:** Mr. Speaker, there is some urgency in having this answer as this trip tomorrow may well be abortive. In view of the fact the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources seems to have some doubt himself as to whether he made this position clear to United States Secretary Rogers Morton in May, can the Secretary of State for External Affairs assure the House that this position was stated publicly by the government before July 6, 1973 and, if so, when?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I do not accept the statement by the hon. gentleman about the position taken by my colleague, but I think this question should be directed to the minister responsible. I am not responsible for pipeline policy in my portfolio, and this question should be directed to him.

**Mr. Baldwin:** We do not think he is responsible, either.

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Fraser:** Mr. Speaker, under the circumstances I should like to direct the question to the right hon. Prime Minister. It will be too late tomorrow to ask this question, and I would ask the Prime Minister whether he can advise the House that Canada's position on the ownership of the oil pipeline was made clear to Rogers Morton in May, 1972, as was indicated in respect of the whole question of Canada's position by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources on Thursday last?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am trying to recall what the minister said in the House, and no doubt the hon. member like myself could find it in *Hansard*. I have some doubt that he said every aspect was made clear in May, 1972, but I do recall him having said that every aspect had been made clear to the United States well before the date in July, 1973 about which the hon. member is asking. If that is not correct I will try to ascertain from the minister, who I believe is travelling west, or rather at a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Petroleum, later today and perhaps have an answer for the hon. member.

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### AGRICULTURE

FEED GRAINS POLICY—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE  
CONTROL WILL REMAIN WITH WHEAT BOARD

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the growing concern of many western grain producers with regard to the government's forthcoming feed grain policy, will the minister assure us now that feed grain will not be removed from the control of the Wheat Board without the approval of grain producers?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the intentions of the government have been outlined in an announcement on feed grains policy. We intend to adhere to that policy and it will be announced by August 1.

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### INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—ALLEGED INCREASE IN PRICE OF PARTS  
BY GENERAL MOTORS—CONSULTATION WITH MINISTER

**Mr. Bill Kempling (Halton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Given the fact that industrial sources indicate that General Motors has increased the price of its replacement parts by 20 per cent to compensate for the 1973 price freeze on automobiles, can the minister advise whether he was consulted on this matter and will other automobile manufacturers be following the same course of action?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I notice the hon. member referred to replacement parts rather than to new automobiles. In regard to the direct question as to whether or not