

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** The mounted police made that recommendation? Is that as true as the statement made by the Prime Minister concerning the RCMP when he had to make a retreat? He made a public statement and had to back down.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. My attempts at finding a matter that is not too controversial have not been successful. I will therefore try the hon. member for Compton.

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[Translation]

#### TRADE

##### INQUIRY RESPECTING IMPORTATION OF AUTOMOBILES FROM SOVIET UNION

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the minister—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Would the hon. member ask his question?

**Mr. Latulippe:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Would he tell us if the government has concluded agreements with the USSR in order to import more products from that country, cars especially?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, Canada has a trade agreement with the Soviet Union which is exactly the same as the trade agreements providing most-favoured-nation treatment to other countries. There is nothing specific about automobiles in it. We are trying to encourage trade in both directions.

[Translation]

##### AGREEMENT RESPECTING IMPORTATION OF HEAVY WATER FROM SOVIET UNION

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

In connection with the question just put to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, could he tell us if there is any commercial agreement regarding the importation of heavy water on behalf of certain Canadian industries?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Soviet Union has sold to us because of the failure of a certain heavy water plant in Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Sharp:** It has agreed to sell heavy water to Canada to meet our pressing needs which I am afraid could not be supplied otherwise.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member will be recognized for a supplementary but after the supplementary I shall try to recognize hon. members who were not seen yesterday including the hon. member for Vegreville,

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the hon. member for Moncton and others in the back row. For the moment the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond has a supplementary.

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, since the Secretary of State for External Affairs has made a statement with reference to heavy water, I wonder whether the minister would mind giving the House a report on the atomic reactor program, a \$2 billion fiasco under his government?

**Mr. Speaker:** This, I assume, would have to be given on motions. The hon. member for Vegreville.

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#### GRAIN

##### OATS—INQUIRY AS TO FINAL PAYMENT FOR 1970-71 CROP YEAR

**Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Mr. Speaker, can the minister in charge of the Wheat Board advise the House whether a final payment will be made on deliveries of oats for the crop year 1970-71 having regard to the fact that the prices paid to producers were the lowest in more than 20 years for that period?

• (1500)

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, in the ordinary course, announcements about final payments are made after the Wheat Board has closed the pool, and I do not have a report in my hands from them.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Could the minister advise the House why there is a credit balance of more than \$4.5 million, as indicated in the report of the Canadian Wheat Board and effective as of July 31, 1971, nine months ago?

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, the overlapping of the pools is a rather complicated business. It may be that there will be an early opportunity for hon. members to discuss this matter with the Canadian Wheat Board.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Can the minister give the House any information on when we may expect a final payment on deliveries of oats or whether, indeed, there will be a final payment?

**Mr. Lang:** No, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated in answer to the first question, I cannot do that at this time.

##### WHEAT—NUMBER OF SHIPS WAITING TO BE LOADED AT VANCOUVER

**Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, thank you. My question is of national importance, particularly to the Prairies.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** It is directed to the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. Can the min-