

**Mr. Nesbitt:** In view of the fact that this situation was brought to our attention by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, an emanation of this parliament, I am wondering whether the minister will investigate the matter and report to the house in a day or two.

[Later:]

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** I should like to address a further supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. During discussions of this matter will the minister propose to the security council that additional powers and personnel, if necessary, be given to the UN force in Cyprus so as to prevent any future build up of forces and war materials which might result in an outbreak which would be in contradiction of the Zurich agreement?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, that has been borne in mind in recent discussions. My hon. friend will recall that the Prime Minister made some reference to this in London the day before yesterday.

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. I am sure members of the house and the country generally would be grateful for any report the Prime Minister could give about his discussions with the British government in respect of the problem in Cyprus, particularly as to whether any concrete steps were discussed or projected during his conferences.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I discussed with them the proposals that had been made and the discussions which had taken place among the governments of the United States, Britain and Canada. The results of these discussions have been made known in this house by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Certain proposals were put forward which have been used as the basis for subsequent negotiations by the representative of the President of the United States. He is making an effort to get an agreement on these proposals, with the modifications which may be required. Those are the steps being taken now which we hope will result in the solution of this crisis.

[Translation]

#### FINANCE

##### GOLD—INQUIRY AS TO INCREASE IN PRICE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance and Receiver General.

#### Inquiries of the Ministry

In view of the fact that gold is being sold very readily on the world's market at the present time, can the minister indicate whether a possible increase in the price of this very precious metal is considered?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance):** No, Mr. Speaker.

#### SHIPPING

##### MONTREAL—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON LABOUR DISPUTE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. I believe the injunction to which the minister referred yesterday in answer to a question put by the hon. member for Fraser Valley has been granted. Can he report today on the effect that it has had on the St. Lawrence dock situation?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, the longshoremen gangs were called up for one o'clock today. I am hoping for a report at any moment on the number of gangs that have shown up. I do welcome this question, however, because it affords me an opportunity to say that I think that the action taken by one of the parties to the dispute, which resulted in the interim judgment yesterday and the outcome, fully vindicate the stand taken by the government throughout the last few weeks.

#### TRADE

##### PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS OF SUBSIDIZED FOODS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Jack A. Irvine (London):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. Has the minister received a brief from the Canadian Food Processors Association and the horticultural council asking for assistance to protect our Canadian food processors and producers against unfair subsidized competition from abroad?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder whether the hon. member would have a supplementary question. It is not acceptable simply to ask whether a brief has been received by the minister. That does not constitute an urgent matter.

**Mr. Irvine:** Mr. Speaker, this is a very urgent item, and I will rephrase my question. In view of the subsidy that is now being paid