

Inquiries of the Ministry

Canada savings bonds, but a certain proportion of them may be in that position. The practice has continued since that time, and I intend to have it reviewed to see whether it ought to be continued.

UNITED NATIONS**RHODESIA—VOTE ON USE OF ARMS TO ENFORCE SANCTIONS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has a vote yet been taken at the United Nations, in the fourth committee, concerning the subject of Rhodesia? The debate concerns the use of armed force to enforce sanctions against Rhodesia. If a vote has not already been taken can the minister tell us what Canada's position is to be in the matter?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take my hon. friend's question as notice. His questions always deserve careful examination.

POLLUTION**TAX INCENTIVES TO PLANTS INSTALLING CORRECTIVE DEVICES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe East): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the galloping dangers from air pollution will the government immediately consider granting tax incentives to any plants that instal anti-air pollution devices, similar to what is done already with respect to water pollution?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to draw my hon. friend's suggestion to the attention of the Minister of Finance.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REPORTED DISCOVERY OF ARMS ON ISRAELI SHIP IN CANADIAN PORT**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs is in a position to answer the question I asked on Monday regarding the report of arms being found on board an Israeli ship which called at the port of Pictou, Nova Scotia?

[Mr. MacEachen.]

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the facts of this situation are that late Friday afternoon officials of the government were advised by an anonymous telephone call that a number of small arms were included in the cargo of a vessel due to leave Pictou, Nova Scotia, that same afternoon. It is, of course, the government's policy not to permit the export of any military equipment to the Middle East area of tension. No export permits have been granted for the export of small arms to the area nor have there been any applications for such permits. This matter is being investigated, and if I have any further information for my hon. friend I will give it to him.

Mr. MacEwan: I take it that the ship was followed by two R.C.M.P. cutters but before it was overtaken it got into international waters. Is that correct?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I believe that is the case.

[Translation]

TRANSPORT**REQUEST FOR QUICKER ELIMINATION OF LEVEL CROSSINGS**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Transport?

In view of the record number of accidents at grade crossings this year and also of the disquieting findings about the Dorion tragedy reported last night, have the minister and his department tried to convince the railway companies to build grade separations at grade crossings in order to prevent such tragedies in the future?

[English]

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): As my hon. friend knows there is a continuing program to which the government and the parliament of Canada contribute very substantially. My hon. friend will be pleased to know that the number of level crossing accidents has dropped very substantially over the years. I believe this program should be accelerated. I think it is a matter of interest that the total amount available was not taken up last year due to the fact that the provinces and municipalities were not in a position, for one reason or another, to take up all the funds which were available. I can assure