

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I cannot give the spread, because of course these are opinions, but we have had representations that the domestic price of wheat be as high as \$2.95 a bushel or \$1 over the I.G.A. floor.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member may wish to come back at ten o'clock tonight.

Mr. Hees: Get in bed with John Lennon at ten o'clock.

TRADE**WHEAT—SPECIAL MEASURES TO INCREASE SALES**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in view of the indication in the budget papers that sales of wheat will probably be lower this year I should like to ask the Minister of Finance whether we may expect an early decision concerning any special measures to be taken to assist the western wheat grower and in particular whether we may expect an answer one way or the other from the minister in the course of his budget speech.

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, decisions of the government in matters of policy will be made known to the house in the usual manner.

AGRICULTURE**MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF CANADIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Agriculture. Will the minister announce government policy and introduce any necessary legislation before the summer recess in response to the representations of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the recommendations of the Committee on Agriculture of this house.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, as has been said announcements of government policy will be made in the usual way.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that Beatle John Lennon has written, spoken and acted on a clear philosophy about war and peace and because of his prestige among a large segment of the international community on the subject—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Nystrom: —does the minister plan to confer with Mr. Lennon while he is in Canada?

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**AMERICAN INFLUENCE ON CANADIAN PROGRAM CONTENT**

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Has the hon. gentleman received complaints from the Canadian film industry with regard to the growing Americanization of C.B.C. program content? If so, would he discuss this matter with the president of the C.B.C. and report back to the house?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I do not recall any recent representations from the film industry on this matter, but some may have reached the department very recently. I have already discussed this matter with the president of the C.B.C. and I intend to pursue this discussion further.

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: Would the Secretary of State discuss the matter with the chairman of the Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts with a view to having it referred to that committee for consideration.

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, if it is not against the rules of the house to refer a question in this way, I personally have no objection. I shall have to consult the chairman of the committee.

[English]

SHIPBUILDING**COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—PLANS TO RETAIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Prime Minister. Did he receive a telegram from the Collingwood town council expressing their anxiety and alarm in respect of the circumstances in the shipbuilding industry in which 900 residents of that town are employed? Does the government share this concern and does it have any plans or proposals that will protect the jobs of these people?