

WHEAT—REASON FOR LOSS OF SALE
TO JAPAN

Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio from Saskatoon-Humboldt. Could he indicate to the House whether the loss of a Canadian wheat sale last week to the United States and Australia, based on the tender prepared by the Japanese food agency, resulted from Canada's asking price being raised by $\frac{7}{8}$ of a cent per bushel?

Mr. Speaker: This question is in the form of debate. I do not think it is in order.

WHEAT—ABILITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF SUPPLEMENTARY QUOTA

Mr. Cliff Downey (Battle River): I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister in charge of the Wheat Board tell us what provisions are being made to rectify the inequitable position that grain producers are placed in whereby they cannot take advantage of supplementary quotas that are offered if they do not have any acreage seeded in a given year to the type of grain to which the supplementary quota applies? Does the minister not believe that a specified number of bushels on a supplementary quota would be a fairer way of administering a supplementary quota and—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's question is argumentative.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NIGERIA—COST OF MILITARY OBSERVERS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he was in a position to inform the House who is paying the cost of the military observers operating in Nigeria. He said at that time he would take the question as notice. Is he now in a position to answer the question?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have a general answer but there is one detail I want to check to satisfy myself. The next time I am in the House I will give the answer.

NIGERIA—ACCESSIBILITY OF WAR ZONE
TO OBSERVERS

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): I have a supplementary question, Mr.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Speaker. Yesterday I asked the minister about the accessibility of the war zone to the observers and the minister indicated he was not certain about the situation. Is there an answer now and can we be assured there are no restrictions on the military observers throughout the entire zone?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The observer team composing some eight members representing Canada, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United Nations has made a report. It is to be released tonight. I think the time is 9 a.m. Greenwich mean time or something like that. I have glanced at it and could table it were it not for the embargo. It indicates that they have been close to the troops constantly during the recent fighting and were never denied access.

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

In view of the fact that the play "Hair", now showing in Toronto, is the target of much criticism as to whether or not it respects our standards of morality, would the Secretary of State tell us whether or not he or the government intends to set up an inquiry into this matter, in order to determine if that play meets Canadian standards?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am not sure this matter is the responsibility of the minister to whom the question was put.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
FRENCH-SPEAKING EMPLOYEES

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

A study on the Department of External Affairs, made by professor Lalande from the University of Montreal, gives facts and figures which indicate that French-Canadian employees are being discriminated against in that department. In view of this, does the minister intend to ask an independent commission to investigate the matter thoroughly so that French Canadians may know that a stop will be put to all such discrimination?