Inquiries of the Ministry

before this house copies of the exchange of correspondence between the government of Canada and the provincial governments since September 1, 1965, concerning a federally assisted school milk program.

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, with regard to No. 12—

Mr. Speaker: Order. There is a request that this notice of motion be allowed to stand.

Some hon. Members: Agreed. Motion stands.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL CEASE FIRE ORDER

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I give thanks to the C.T.V., which last night gave three hours of prime time to the proceedings and vote of the security council, with the remarks afterward of President Johnson also being made available to Canadians served by the C.T.V. network. As a result of yesterday's meeting and the cease fire that was ordered and directed by the security council, is the government in a position to say whether any action has been taken in this connection by either Israel or the U.A.R. and those associated with the U.A.R.?

At the same time would the minister give us his observations on the serious situation created by the attitude of the Soviet union which, in demanding a cease fire, threatened to break off diplomatic relations with Israel unless the cease fire were immediately accepted?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the last portion of my right hon. friend's question, while one may regret such consequences I think my hon. friend will agree that this is a matter beyond the control of the government of Canada. It is a matter that can be determined only by the Soviet union itself.

With regard to the council meeting last night, as both my right hon. friend and the house know the government of Canada gave instructions to our ambassador at the United Nations to support the cease fire resolution which the security council unanimously adopted. The hope was expressed by him on behalf of the government that the parties concerned would comply with this cease fire appeal.

[Mr. Ormiston.]

The resolution calls upon the parties, as a first step, to take forthwith all measures for an immediate cease fire, and for a cessation of all military activities in the area. I should, of course, like to pay tribute to those who in conjunction with their governments negotiated this resolution. We hope that all members of the United Nations will now exercise their influence to bring the fighting to a halt.

The security council was called into session at noon today, when a proposal was made for a further decision by the council calling for implementation of the cease fire by 8 p.m. Greenwich mean time June 7. This resolution was also passed unanimously.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That would be what time here?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I think four o'clock. After the passage of this resolution, on instructions from the Canadian government the Canadian ambassador tabled the following resolution:

The security council, noting resolutions S/7933 of June 6 and S/7940 of June 7, requests the president of the security council, with the assistance of the Secretary General, to take the necessary measures to bring about full and effective compliance with these resolutions.

As of the latest information I have, Mr. Speaker, that resolution is on the table but has not yet been discussed. A point of order has been raised asking that measures be taken with regard to the confirmatory resolution of today which was adopted, as I said a moment ago, by the members of the council.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Would the minister say what is the meaning of that latter resolution to which he refers? What are the measures that would be taken, or what are the measures in contemplation by the proposers of that motion?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian government had in mind that it might be desirable, as has been observed in other similar situations, for someone representing the president and/or the Secretary General to go to the area to assist in making arrangements to give effect to the terms of the Security Council resolution. I have the impression that the Secretary General himself has certain plans in mind, but I think at this stage it would be wrong for me to speak about these until he himself has made some statement.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary