

The answer given by the minister was as follows:

Mr. Speaker, I think I can answer this very briefly. On June 1 our ambassador in Washington did sign on behalf of the government of Canada a protocol extending the administrative articles of the 1962 wheat agreement until July 31, 1968, with provision for earlier termination in the event of a new agreement covering wheat—

I would ask the minister to explain what he means by those two answers.

**Mr. Winters:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I doubt whether the minister would insist on replying to the argument raised by the hon. member for Bow River. This is obviously not a question of privilege; it is a form of argument which might be raised when this debate is before the house. I suggest that the matter be allowed to rest there until the minister has been given an opportunity to make a statement.

**Mr. Winters:** Mr. Speaker, I think I should rise on a question of privilege, if I may, to clear that very point. While the framework of the international agreement was continued by that protocol, I made it clear at the same time that this did not apply to the price structure because we in Canada did not agree to a continuation of that low price structure.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that all these questions of privilege might be considered tomorrow.

[Translation]

#### HOUSING

REQUEST THAT MORE MORTGAGE MONEY  
BE MADE AVAILABLE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Labour. Is it his intention to give a satisfactory answer to the many requests he has received from house builders associations throughout Canada, asking for an increase in mortgage credits to meet the rising demand of the public?

[English]

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, that is not a question which I can answer on the orders of the day. I shall be glad to deal with it when the estimates of the Department of Labour come before the house on Thursday.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

#### AGRICULTURE

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE LOANS FOR  
AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the statements made by the minister in western Canada some time ago and misunderstandings that have arisen from those statements, I should like to ask whether the government proposes to introduce legislation at this session covering loans for agricultural fair purposes.

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, there is no intent to bring it in at this session, but subject to the economic and financial dictates of the nation it is hoped that we can bring it in during the spring session.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MEMBERS OF  
UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT IN WORLD  
WAR II

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Queens):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might have the indulgence of the house for one minute to point out that today we have as guests in Your Honour's gallery 14 valorous people, seven ladies and seven gentlemen, representative of 4,000 similar people from eight countries in Europe who during world war II suffered torture and risked death to help several thousand allied airmen escape from occupied Europe.

These people have been brought to Canada for three weeks as the centennial project of the Canadian branch of the Royal Air Forces Escaping Society. I believe the chamber would wish to acknowledge the presence of these noble people who have personally done so much to preserve the democratic freedoms we in Canada all enjoy.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

[Translation]

**Mr. Speaker:** On behalf of my colleagues of the House of Commons, I take great pleasure in addressing a warm welcome to these distinguished visitors.

[English]

#### INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. E. D. Fulton (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether the