

Inquiries of the Ministry

BUTTER IMPORTS SINCE 1960

Question No. 305—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. For each year since 1960, has Canada imported butter and, if so (a) in what quantity (b) by quantity, from what countries (c) at what average price (d) was this butter earmarked partly for domestic consumption and, if so, in what quantity?

2. If part of this butter was earmarked for processing to be re-exported (a) how many pounds each year (b) what plants processed the butter (c) what was the quantity processed by each plant (d) what was the cost to the government to have the butter processed (e) in what form, to which countries and at what price was the butter sold?

Return tabled.

GRANT FORMULA, POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
ADJUSTMENT PAYMENTSQuestion No. 453—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What is the formula used in calculating the size of the federal grant to a province under the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act 1967 (Post Secondary Education Adjustment Payments) for universities only?

2. For each year that statistics are available, what amount has been granted to each province since the Act came into force?

Return tabled.

CBC PROGRAM CHANGES BECAUSE OF QUEBEC CRISIS

Question No. 549—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. What programs on CBC Television have been (a) cancelled (b) postponed (c) altered, on both the French and English networks as a result of the events surrounding the Quebec crisis?

2. What was the reason in each case?

3. How many CBC employees on both the French and English networks have been (a) reprimanded (b) suspended (c) fired, since October 5, 1970, and what was the reason in each case?

4. How many persons working for the CBC on a contract basis have had their contracts cancelled or have been given notice that their contracts will not be renewed since October 5, 1970, and what was the reason in each case.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT—NEW MEASURES TO DEAL WITH
PROBLEM

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Minister of Finance who is supposed to be in the House today, but since the Prime Minister believes that inflation has been licked perhaps it is no longer necessary for the Minister of Finance to sit in the House. In view of the Prime Minister's recognition during the Christmas recess that unemployment is now the country's number one problem, may I ask the Acting Prime Minister whether the government proposes to announce any new measures to deal with this very acute problem?

[Mr. Lewis.]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should remind the Leader of the Opposition at the outset that the Minister of Finance, like his predecessors including those from the Tory party, has an annual meeting with the Canadian Club of Toronto and this happens to be the day. I am sure he would wish the Minister of Finance to be there on this occasion.

May I say in direct reply that the government has a program—some of the measures are now in effect—to deal with the unemployment situation which we recognize as being serious. I hope we will have the support of the opposition in forwarding these measures as they come before the House and as they are proclaimed under existing legislation.

Mr. Stanfield: Am I to understand from the Acting Prime Minister that the government proposes to announce additional measures to fight unemployment, and if my understanding is correct may I ask when we may expect to hear these measures announced?

Mr. Sharp: The government is taking the measures that it feels are appropriate to deal with the unemployment situation. The Leader of the Opposition will recognize, of course, that the way to deal with unemployment is not to practise inflationary policies, some of which he has been advocating. If he is disappointed that we are not following his advice in these matters—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It seems to me we are entering the field of debate both in relation to the question asked and the answer given. The Leader of the Opposition has a supplementary?

Mr. Stanfield: I have one further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I had understood that inflation was licked. Therefore may I express the hope that the government will really be prepared to do something—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED SALE OF ARMS BY GREAT BRITAIN TO SOUTH
AFRICA—CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR POSITION OF
AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): My question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the Commonwealth conference will begin in a few days in Singapore, may I ask the Acting Prime Minister whether the Canadian government intends to support the African members of the Commonwealth in urging Great Britain to reconsider its policy of selling military equipment to the Republic of South Africa?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): I am sure that the leader of the New Democratic Party is aware of the steps the Prime Minister has been taking in this respect. Indeed, I think it is generally acknowledged that the Prime Minister of Canada has been very useful in his support of the position of the African states and