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exists between the Canadian Wheat Board and Export-Khlebe, but I am not in sufficient touch with everyday developments to say more. With respect to the second part of the hon. member's question my information is that there is no indication now either that the Soviet Union will or will not take its commitment. There is still one month to go, I think—

An hon. Member: Two weeks.

Mr. Pepin: There are still two weeks to go. They may get in touch with us in the meantime, but at present there is no indication either way.

Mr. Burton: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate whether the government is agreeable to extending the agreement? Also, has the question of present pricing policies of the Soviet Union in exporting grain to countries such as the Argentine entered into the discussions?

Mr. Pepin: I am considering these matters, Mr. Speaker. I do not think we have to decide today because there is still two weeks to go before the end of the allocated period. We will advise the house in due course.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE**EGGS—INQUIRY AS TO REDUCTION
IN IMPORTS**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Considering the problems currently facing egg producers in Canada, could the minister tell us whether there has been a decrease in imports of that commodity have fallen in the last weeks and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that the hon. member is asking for statistics, but if the minister has the information required, he could perhaps give it to the house.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): I am taking this question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

EXTERNAL AID**BIAFRA—REPLY TO CANADIAN OFFER TO
PROVIDE NEUTRAL RELIEF FLIGHT
OBSERVERS**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a

question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has he received any word from Lagos about the proposal he made some days ago which was designed to be of assistance in the furnishing of relief?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Not yet, Mr. Speaker, but at least we have not received an adverse reply. I might add that I also had the opportunity to meet Dr. Johnson yesterday afternoon. He was here with me. Both of us are very anxious to do whatever we can to promote daylight flights. It is in that spirit that we are acting.

Mr. Stanfield: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the delay in obtaining a response, and in view of what I am sure the Secretary of State for External Affairs will agree is a very grim situation in Nigeria-Biafra, have additional steps been considered in an attempt to secure an answer from Nigeria?

Mr. Sharp: The short answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES**ARMED FORCES WALKING-OUT UNIFORMS—
QUALITY OF CLOTH**

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a most interesting and important question to the Minister of Supply and Services. In view of the fact a multimillion dollar contract was granted to one company for the production of cloth for walking-out uniforms for the armed services, will the minister immediately investigate reports that the quartermaster stores of the armed services are issuing the green uniform in seven different shades and sometimes two extra yards per uniform because of defects in the cloth?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question might be placed on the order paper.

Mr. Winch: It is now being supplied and is costing the taxpayers a lot of money.

AIRPORTS**CHARLOTTETOWN—INQUIRY AS TO
EXTENSION OF FACILITIES**

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister from the prolific province, the Minister of Transport. Can he advise whether he is making any progress in the provision of