

Affairs. It arises out of a statement yesterday by Mr. McCloskey, the White House press representative, which no doubt has been brought to the minister's attention. Has the International Control Commission, on which Canada is represented, been requested at any time in the past six months to investigate allegations of North Vietnamese massive infiltration into Laotian territory and, if so, what were the results?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to take notice of that question.

### TRADE

#### WHEAT—REQUEST FOR RENEWED SALES EFFORT

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Has the attention of the minister been called to the fact that there has been a large wheat sale by Australia to China, worth \$137 million? Will the government now persuade the Canadian Wheat Board to renew its efforts to make other sales to China and other countries, and will the government give some assurance of the fact that, aided by constructive proposals from this side of the house, the problems with regard to storage and transport will indeed be solved?

#### GRAIN—RESTRUCTURING OF MARKETING POLICY

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the announcement made in Quebec by the Minister of Agriculture that a chairman has been appointed for a National Grains Council, does this indicate a restructuring of government policy with regard to the marketing of western Canadian grain?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker. The National Grains Council is a council that we had talked about a great deal during the election, and this is the fulfilment of the promise we had made.

**Mr. Gleave:** As a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, would the government at an early date give the house some information on the terms of reference and the financing of this council?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Minister of Agriculture will want to make public some information on this subject.

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### Inquiries of the Ministry

#### CANADIAN FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

#### MICHAEL SPENCER—ENTITLEMENT OF PARLIAMENT TO INFORMATION

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Is the minister aware of the position of Michael Spencer, acting secretary of the Canadian Film Development Corporation, that parliament is not entitled to information about the way this agency is spending money? Will my question on the order paper, No. 1,188 be answered in due course?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Perhaps the second question might be answered by the Secretary of State.

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** In due course, certainly, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND QUEBEC RESPECTING SATELLITES

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Is the minister aware of arrangements made between the French government and the Quebec government concerning the Symphonie satellite. In the affirmative, could he tell us if he has approved them?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, a similar question was asked on our last sitting day. I said we had been furnished with copies of the letters that were exchanged between the government of Quebec and the government of France. These are now under study in the department and I expect I will either make a statement or answer questions after the study has been completed.

[Translation]

[Later:]

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Having in mind the problems which appear to crop up concerning the satellite project, would the Prime Minister be in favour of a tripartite agreement between Quebec, Ottawa and France to work things out?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not feel that we have