

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** The right hon. gentleman the Leader of the Opposition asked me this question I think on Thursday or Friday. I replied that while it was possible to make an assessment of the effectiveness of commonwealth sanctions, I was not in a position to make an assessment of the results of United Nations sanctions. That report will be made by the secretary general when he reports to the security council on the first of the month.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** The minister stated that he would not be able to report on the general situation, but on the basis of the documents the minister filed today, can he report on the success of Canada's embargo? Could he tell us what the trade between Canada and Rhodesia was during the past year and what it is today?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Before the embargo was placed on exports and imports the total trade was roughly in the neighbourhood of \$5 million annually. Since the embargo has been in effect the trade is negligible; it is non-existent except for supplies for humanitarian purposes which must be in very small amounts. With regard to the regulations I tabled today, these are in pursuance of the security council resolution of December 15. After an examination of the steps we had taken under the voluntary security council resolution of the year before last, it was felt that to comply with the new mandatory selective sanctions resolution we would have to provide for the application of the selective mandatory sanctions to Canadian operations outside of Canada.

An examination of the regulations tabled today will show that we have now complied fully with the terms of the security council resolution of December 16, 1966, which is mandatory.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. There was the initial embargo placed by Canada, then the further one pursuant to order and direction of the security council in December. Has there been any further reduction in the exports from Canada or imports from Rhodesia in consequence of the security council order of December last over what the situation was on a non-selective basis prior thereto?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Yes, I believe there has been, but I cannot give the exact

dollar amounts. I will be glad to try to give them later.

**LABOUR RELATIONS****NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN DOMINION COAL AND UNITED MINE WORKERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I would ask the minister whether the government will authorize the negotiation of a contract for the miners in Nova Scotia whose contract expired in August, 1966.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, DOSCO has announced its willingness to sell the coal mines to the Canadian government, the Canadian government has announced its willingness to buy them, but no agreement has yet been reached between the two parties. In the meantime it is impossible for the Canadian government to intervene in labour negotiations between the company and the employees.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the minister a supplementary question. Since the government has announced the take-over of the mines—this buying and selling is something new—under a crown company, how are the men going to negotiate their working conditions unless somebody takes authority to establish a contract?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, I am informed that negotiations between DOSCO and the employee members of the United Mine Workers union are going on now, and I have reason to believe that they will come to a happy conclusion.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** A further supplementary question. Am I to understand from the minister's answer that DOSCO had the authorization of the federal government to negotiate such a contract?

**Mr. Pepin:** I just said I was informed that the two parties were negotiating.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I hate to belabour the point, Mr. Speaker, but I would ask the minister to clarify his statement. If the minister has been informed that