

food be sent to the people of Kampuchea to relieve their plight?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, that is already under way. What this government is doing, in addition, is proposing means—for which we hope we will find support in this House—to turn money from the refugee program, which the government need not spend now because of the generosity of participation by individual Canadians, toward aiding residents of Kampuchea. Also, through the office of the Secretary of State for External Affairs we are continuing her vigorous leadership in trying to bring pressure to bear upon the government of Vietnam in a way that will move toward a political solution of this very grievous human problem for the world.

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#### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

##### OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH ANTONINE MAILLET PRIZE

**Mr. André Maltais (Manicouagan):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State. In view of the great joy which France has given us by awarding the Prix Goncourt to Mrs. Antonine Maillet, would it not be in the interest of all Canadians to establish an Antonine Maillet prize to encourage French literature in Canada?

**Hon. David MacDonald (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member's suggestion is very important and we will gladly look into it.

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[English]

#### INCOME TAX

##### MECHANISM TO ENABLE WHEAT PRODUCERS TO DEFER TAX ON INTERIM PAYMENTS FROM WHEAT BOARD

**Mr. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri-Westmount):** My question is for the Minister of National Revenue. I believe the minister is aware of the difficulty faced by some wheat producers who expected deferred payments for crop deliveries this year and are now receiving interim payments from the Canadian Wheat Board.

It would appear that these payments will have to be included in income tax purposes in 1979. I wonder whether the minister has had an opportunity to consider some mechanism whereby they can receive a deferment of this amount, for tax purposes, which they otherwise would not have anticipated.

**Hon. Walter Baker (President of Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, that matter was originally raised in the Senate. There have been some reviews of the matter within the Department of National Revenue to see whether or not that would be possible. The preliminary

judgment of the department is that it is not possible. I am reviewing the matter to see whether there could be any change, because I recognize the position put forward by the hon. member. When that review is completed, I shall inform the hon. member.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE

**Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who will be attending the NATO meeting of foreign defence ministers in Brussels next week at which meeting a decision will be taken on the American proposal to station Pershing and cruise-missiles in five European countries.

Does the minister share the position of the Minister of National Defence in not having a position on the U.S. proposal, or does she intend to follow her own convictions and those of the United Church of Canada—and, indeed, of this party—that as a minimum Canada supports the proposals that have come from three European countries to postpone further deployment of any nuclear weapons in Europe pending ratification of SALT II and exploration of new possibilities in east-west arms control negotiations?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the very important discussions that will be going on next week with regard to the modernization of the Theatre Nuclear Forces in the NATO alliance are in large measure a response to the deployment that has already taken place in the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact countries with the SS-20 missiles and with the Backfire bombers. This is a question as to whether or not the NATO alliance speaks from a position of strength or a position of weakness.

I would say to the hon. member that in the discussions that will be taking place in Brussels next week, Canada will be working with the European countries to reach a consensus that will strengthen the role of the NATO alliance. There is no question as to where we stand on that. It does not mean that Canada has any personal commitment to nuclear missiles or nuclear weapons.

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

**Miss Jewett:** Mr. Speaker, three of the European countries have their representatives, in one case their premier and in the other two their foreign ministers, in Washington today to discuss their very serious reservations about the American proposal. Perhaps the minister has not understood what the American proposal is. I want to ask her specifically whether Canada is also going to express those reservations on the American proposal. The decision will otherwise be made on December 12.

**Miss MacDonald:** Mr. Speaker, the subject under discussion is not just an American proposal; the subject under discussion