

of his department in Quebec city have ordered that the beer sold by that company be withdrawn from the market in order to prevent the tragedy from becoming more serious?

[English]

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of any firm indication that there is this direct relationship it is an action that would not be taken by the food and drug directorate because there may be other factors not yet identified responsible for these cases.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### RHODESIA—SUGGESTED INEFFECTIVENESS OF SANCTIONS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, arising out of certain reports that the Canadian contribution to the air lift into Zambia will be discontinued at the end of April because it is no longer required. The question I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs is this. If this has been an ineffective exercise, and if it is no longer required, why then do we keep it on until the end of April at a cost of \$1½ million?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Because I do not think it has been as ineffective as my hon. friend suggests.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** A supplementary question in that connection. Is the minister now in a position to say whether the air lift is or is not effective? It is generally agreed that the possibility of bringing down the government of Rhodesia by economic sanctions has been postponed by at least six months.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I think it would be impossible to measure with precision the effectiveness of the sanctions. As the Prime Minister indicated the other day, their effectiveness has not been according to schedule. However, this does not mean that the sanctions program will not be effective. No one can speak with any certainty in matters of this sort, but it is sincerely to be hoped that the program supported by all the commonwealth countries, and by so many other countries, will be effective in bringing this illegal regime to an end.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** In that connection, was it not the view of the minister on behalf of the government of Canada that the sanctions would be so effective that by April 1 the government of Rhodesia would have been brought down. Was that view not expressed?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Oxford.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Surely I have the right to ask whether the minister has changed his mind. I ask the right to ask certain questions.

**Mr. Speaker:** The right hon. Leader of the Opposition asked a question in a very specific form. He said, is it not the view of the minister that such and such is so, and whether that was his view some time ago. With respect, this is certainly not a proper question.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I asked whether there had been a change in the viewpoint on the part of the government; and with great deference to you, Mr. Speaker, I do not see any reason why that question should not be allowed. Parliament was asked to give support to a plan on the basis of certain anticipations. It was on this ground that I asked my question.

**Mr. Speaker:** The question which the Leader of the Opposition now asks is different from the one he asked in the first instance.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** In answer to the right hon. gentleman I would say this. I do not think I said the sanctions program would become completely effective on April 1. My recollection is that I said it was hoped that by June the program would reach the kind of effectiveness which was anticipated, and that a sanctions committee had been established to examine and note the progress being made. I cannot believe the right hon. gentleman is correct in saying I said the program would definitely be effective on a particular date. If I did I was certainly in error.

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Is the government planning any additional economic or perhaps military measures at the present time?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** The government is not planning any military measures whatsoever. I clearly indicated our position with regard to the use of force during the course