

## OIL

REPORTED U.S. PRESSURE TO REDUCE  
IMPORTS FROM CANADA

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. George Hees (Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the repeated press reports of pressure being exerted on the Canadian government by the United States government to curb the growth of oil imports from Canada into the United States, can the minister assure the house that these oil exports to the United States, which are so necessary to Canada's economy, will be continued?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** What I can say is that conversations between Canada and the United States regarding oil are now in progress, and each side is pressing its views with vigour.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the importance of the question and the minister's answer will he be prepared to make a full statement in the house with regard to the government's policy on petroleum, if it has a national policy at the present time?

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, I think I can make it now. Our policy is to sell as much as we can in the United States, which is part of the national oil policy.

## GRAIN

MANITOU SEED WHEAT—REQUEST FOR  
REMOVAL OF EXPORT EMBARGO

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. George Muir (Lisgar):** I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In consideration of the fact that even at this late date there is still a large surplus of Manitou seed wheat in the hands of Canadian growers, is it the government's intention to lift the export embargo on this grain going to the United States?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, the last official information I had in this regard was to the effect that the agricultural association was satisfied with the policy being pursued. However, I will be glad to give it a current look.

## INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary

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of State for External Affairs. Inasmuch as subsidized transportation costs have been mentioned in the speech from the throne I wonder whether the minister could tell us if this subsidization will be available to the 500,000 unemployed people of Canada?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

STEVEN TRUSCOTT—CONSIDERATION OF  
GRANTING OF PAROLE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of his indication yesterday morning that he would look into the parole aspect of the Steven Truscott case, may I ask whether he is yet in a position to make any announcement on this matter?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I have discussed this matter with the two ministers concerned and it is not our intention to take any action at the present time.

HAL BANKS—INQUIRY AS TO LAYING OF  
PERJURY CHARGE

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. It has to do with the phantom Hal Banks. Is it true that the R.C.M.P. has come to the conclusion that it has sufficient evidence upon which to charge Banks with perjury and that it has already laid or is about to lay the necessary information?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I have nothing to add to what the Minister of Justice stated just before the recess in reply to a similar question. If I remember correctly, at that time he informed the house that members of the R.C.M.P. were awaiting further advice from the attorney general's department.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** May I then direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Is it a fact, as reported in the press, that the R.C.M.P. has advised the attorney general's department of Ontario that there is sufficient evidence to indict Banks for perjury, and that the R.C.M.P. has laid or is about to lay the necessary information to start the wheels of justice turning?