

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**TRADE**

**INQUIRY AS TO SIGNING OF INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to reply to a question and a supplementary question asked last Friday by the hon. member for Provencher regarding the signing of the international grains arrangement.

The international grains arrangement consists of a wheat trade convention and a food aid convention. Thirty two countries have signed the wheat trade convention, including Canada, the United States of America and the other major wheat exporting countries. A significant number of the major importers such as Britain, Japan and the European economic community have also signed. The 17 countries that participated in the Kennedy round grain negotiations and were eligible to sign the food aid convention have done so.

With regard to the supplementary question, the answer is that, as indicated last Friday, Canada does intend to do so. We expect that all of the countries that have signed the conventions will complete ratification procedures by the deadline.

**COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS**

**REPORTED SUBSIDIZATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN B.C.**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Following the failure of the C.B.C. to credit the federal government with the financing through the Company of Young Canadians of two private schools in Vancouver as shown on a nation wide television program yesterday, will the federal government correct this omission or will it withdraw its financing from these rather startling schools?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest that the question might be placed on the order paper.

**UNITED NATIONS**

**VIET NAM—SUGGESTED ACTION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Secretary of State for

**Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert):** Who will pay for it?

[Later:]

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** I wish to address a belated supplementary question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. When he is discussing this report with respect to price increases in the prairie provinces, will he ask those who are particularly concerned to inquire as to the direct relationship of the people who own these chain stores with fruit wholesalers and brokers who sell our British Columbia fruit?

**CRIMINAL CODE**

**INQUIRY AS TO FREE VOTE ON ABORTION AMENDMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In view of the present state of confusion which exists with regard to matters of confidence, would the Prime Minister indicate if the vote on the proposed Criminal Code amendment dealing with abortion will be a free vote or whether it will be regarded as a vote of confidence? I ask this question in the light of the apparent conflicting views of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of National Health and Welfare on this score.

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** The matter is under consideration, Mr. Speaker.

**GRAIN**

**OATS AND BARLEY—INQUIRY AS TO FINAL PAYMENTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce under whose jurisdiction is the Canadian Wheat Board. Is the Canadian Wheat Board sending out the cheques today, or will the farmers have to wait longer?

**Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I hope to be in a position to make a statement tomorrow about the delivery dates for the cheques for oats and barley, and the amount of the final payment.