

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I did undertake to look at everything that was in our package to see if it could be changed or modified in some way which would be more acceptable to the United States and no more damaging to Canada. There was no timing set on that and there was no specific mention of what aspects of the package we would look at. I repeat, the agreement was as general as I said in my first answer. It is that we would look at our negotiating positions, and neither the President nor I went into any great detail as to what this meant other than to see if it could be possible to renew negotiations fruitfully.

**Mr. Ryan:** Has the Prime Minister given any direction to the relevant departments in this respect with regard to the auto pact?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, the relevant ministers were informed of the substance of my talks with the President and I assume that this work is being done.

## CANADA-UNITED STATES—DATE OF RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. The Prime Minister has suggested that the total packages are going to be reviewed. Was there an agreed upon date or a tentative date that the discussions should, hopefully, be resumed, or was a date arranged between the Prime Minister and the President at which time they would be able to convey to each other whether or not negotiations would be able to begin again soon?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, no date was discussed.

## DISCUSSION OF UNITED STATES ANTI-TRUST AND TRADING WITH ENEMY LAWS DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, in light of President Nixon's speech on Friday and the agreement to review trade positions, has the United States government agreed to review its anti-trust and trading with the enemy laws in view of the intruding effect they have on Canadian economic independence?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I did not know the question was directed to me but I think I caught the gist of it. There was certainly no agreement along those lines between the President and myself.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Can the Prime Minister indicate whether these important issues were raised—

**Mr. Trudeau:** What was that?

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Can the Prime Minister indicate whether these important issues having to do with trading with the enemy and anti-trust laws that from time to time affect Canada's economic position were raised and whether there will be a vehicle for the resolution of these important problems?

[Mr. Ryan.]

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member is distinguishing between important problems, and they are indeed, which are very frequently discussed between our officials and ministers both in Washington and Ottawa, but I repeat that they were not raised at the level of talks between the President and myself on Thursday or Friday.

## CANADA-UNITED STATES—ITEMS IN CANADIAN PROPOSALS

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, we hear a great deal about packages. I wonder whether it would be possible for the Prime Minister to let the House of Commons know what matters were included in the Canadian package, because up to now it has been as silent as Pandora's box until opened?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the right hon. member is asking me for more than the President asked me. There was no discussion of the detailed contents of the package. However, I think that through a process of questioning certain answers have been obtained from the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce as to so-called irritants, both on the American side and on our side. I am afraid I would have to refer the right hon. member to his answers in *Hansard* with regard to what those were.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I follow *Hansard* very carefully, I have been in the House, and this has never been revealed. The Prime Minister was talking about exchanging packages and diminishing one claim or another in return for something else, a *quid pro quo*. Could he not summarize—1, 2, 3, 4, 5—what these items were in this package so that Canadians as a whole would know what kind of package it really is?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I think some Canadians have been astute enough to assume, for instance, that the auto pact was one of the items discussed in the package. Perhaps with a further degree of astuteness and a re-reading once again of *Hansard*, the right hon. member will observe other elements in the package that were mentioned by the minister.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I am no mind reader even though the Prime Minister assumes I am.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I will return to the hon. member for Calgary North and other hon. members who I gather have supplementaries, but as we are still on the first topic I propose to recognize the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway and then a representative of the party to my extreme left.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## VIET NAM WAR—DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON DURING VISIT

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask about another aspect of the talks. In view of the recent bombing of Haiphong and other