

Inquiries of the Ministry

farm organizations have asked under the international wheat agreement?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I think it is true that international market conditions justify a substantially increased minimum price under any new international wheat agreement. However, the hon. member knows that there are buyers and sellers at the bargaining table, and any agreement reached will have to be on the basis of a price range that is acceptable to both sides.

SPORTS

ABIGAIL HOFFMAN—WORLD RECORD IN
WOMEN'S 880 YARD RACE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. J. P. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister. Is he aware of the fact that Miss Abigail Hoffman, an honours student in economics and science at the University of Toronto, won the 880 yard women's race at the Achilles meet at Vancouver on February 18 and established a world record time of 2 minutes 8.4 seconds?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR COM-
MEMORATION OF VIMY RIDGE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. K. H. More (Regina City): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address my question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs as a result of correspondence which I have received since the public announcement that 70 to 75 Vimy veterans will travel there at government expense for remembrance ceremonies on April 9. Can the minister advise the house how this group will be chosen? Will there be representatives from each province and each unit, and will all ranks be represented?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the delegation will be composed of representatives of each of the units that participated in the battle of Vimy Ridge. The selection of the persons going to France and of the persons attending the ceremonies in Ottawa will be made by the commanding officers of the units now in existence with the aim of continuing the tradition of the units which fought at Vimy Ridge. The commanding officer in each case will select the actual representatives to travel to

[Mr. Rapp.]

Vimy Ridge in France or to come to Ottawa to take part in the commemoration services here.

Mr. J. N. Ormiston (Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Will the persons who will be representing the different units be notified before the specified time?

Mr. Teillet: A letter has gone out to all the units concerned. It is our hope that we will have the information before the end of this month so we can complete our arrangements.

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question. I am sure the minister knows that many of the units which took part in the battle of Vimy Ridge have since been disbanded. How will representatives of those units be selected?

Mr. Teillet: My understanding is that those units which have been disbanded do have a continuance in other units now in existence in the country. Every effort is being made to make sure that representatives of all units are included in the official delegation.

UNITED NATIONS

EFFECT OF RECENT OIL AGREEMENT ON
SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he could inform the house concerning the possible effect of the recent oil agreement among a French company, South Africa and Iran on the mandatory sanctions against Rhodesia established by the security council of the United Nations.

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): My hon. friend's question undoubtedly has been provoked by the statement made last night on television by a commentator. For some days we have been examining this problem. The secretary general will be making a report to the security council by March 1, when I expect there will be some comment regarding this question. I too will perhaps be in a position to say something about that time.

Mr. Lewis: Since Canada now is a member of the security council, could the minister say whether any reports have been made to him concerning the immediate effect of these sanctions or is he awaiting the report on March 1?