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he also protest to the United States government with regard to the United States dumping wheat in Canadian markets such as Japan, and has he received any reply in this connection?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am wondering whether that is a supplementary question.

Mr. Woolliams: With the greatest respect, Mr. Speaker, it is all part of the discussion of the Kennedy round. The minister appreciated that and was about to answer.

UNITED NATIONS

CONSIDERATION BY SECURITY COUNCIL OF SINKING OF ISRAELI SHIP

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs; I regret I have not given him notice but I know this subject is very much in his mind. Is the security council of the United Nations giving consideration to the grave incident in which an Israeli destroyer was sunk by Egyptian action, and are there any proposals for international action to prevent the repetition of incidents like this which might lead to a fresh outbreak of war in the Middle East?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the fighting in the Suez area has stopped as the result of a suggestion by the United Nations truce and supervisory organization that there be a cease fire. The Canadian position has been that a representative of the Secretary General should be appointed by the security council to act as a communications link between the parties. This is the minimum action that should be taken to meet the situation in the Middle East, and the Canadian delegation is working toward this end.

It has been suggested that before this appointment can be agreed to there will have to be an agreement by Israel to withdraw its forces beyond the present areas of occupation. In response to this, and I think rightly, Israel takes the position that there should be a declaration that the other side will forgo its state of belligerency. Until these two statements of principle are agreed to, I am afraid I cannot report that progress in these negotiations is taking place. However, we will persist in the view that the least that should be done is that a representative of the Secretary General be appointed in the absence of direct negotiations to try to bring the parties together.

[Mr. Woolliams.]

FINANCE

REQUEST FOR EXERCISE OF RESTRAINT IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Now that no less an authority than the Toronto *Globe and Mail* has anointed him as the authentic voice in the federal government of business big and small, and has assured us that he is uneasy and sharply critical of overspending by government, can the minister assure the house that he will do all in his power to restrain the wasteful and extravagant expenditures that are being planned by his colleagues in cabinet?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[Translation]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

POINT-BLEUE, QUE.-DELAY IN START OF CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

Has the minister received a telegram from the chief of the Pointe-Bleue band advising him that his department's projected works, approved by the government have not yet started? If so, could he tell us why?

Mr. Speaker: I think this question should be put on the order paper.

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

SASKATOON—INQUIRY AS TO STATION CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, last week the Prime Minister promised that this week he would tell me about the C.B.C. station in Saskatoon. Since I know he has had an opportunity to discuss it with his colleagues I wonder whether he can tell me now.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member asked me about this matter yesterday as well; if it was not yesterday it was on Friday. I requested mercy then and he gave me mercy, and I hope he will give me another couple of days. We have been discussing it this morning.