

HARBOURS

BRITISH COLUMBIA—DEVELOPMENT OF PORT
AT ROBERTS BANK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Has he yet reached an agreement with the government of British Columbia on the joint development of a super port at Roberts Bank?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): We are continuing to exchange letters, Mr. Speaker, and to keep the lines of communication open. In the meantime, plans for the port development are continuing so that there will be no hold-up and so we will be able to have it open on the required date.

UNITED NATIONS

RHODESIA—CANADIAN POSITION IN SECURITY
COUNCIL DISCUSSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the appeal made at the United Nations yesterday in the speech by Lord Caradon, chief British delegate, for a review of possibilities for international action directed at crushing the Smith government in Rhodesia, can the minister state Canada's position with regard to methods to be used against the Rhodesian government? Is Canada going along with suggestions that Rhodesia be placed in international Coventry through suspension of mails and total rupture of economic and diplomatic relations, which will be detrimental to the Africans as well as the whites, or is the Canadian stand that present measures are as far as Canada is prepared to go?

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Canada welcomes the statement made by the British ambassador, Lord Caradon. Canada has, all along, supported the British government, as indeed all commonwealth governments have, in opposing the unilateral declaration of independence by the government of Mr. Smith. As I said yesterday, the Security Council has begun again to consider the Rhodesian question in the light of the executions carried out recently by the Smith regime. Our representative is scheduled to take part in the discussion this afternoon in

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the Security Council. He will state the Canadian view of the situation and make clear our dismay at the deplorable conduct of the Rhodesian regime. In regard to sanctions he will also be suggesting that the council consider extending the existing selective mandatory sanctions to encompass the whole of Rhodesia's external trade, as we ourselves have done. This move should bring further pressure to bear on the Smith regime.

Mr. McIntosh: May I ask a supplementary question. Has Canada expressed agreement with Britain's stand against the use of force in dealing with the Rhodesian government?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Our view with regard to the use of force has been well stated. What I have just indicated is that we strongly support economic sanctions and believe the time has come when they might be strengthened.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION
OF DEFENCE MATTERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of National Defence. Will he give consideration to reporting to the defence committee of the House of Commons and seeking its opinion on the purchase of new planes, the construction of additional destroyers, and any new relationship with NATO and NORAD prior to their presentation as a *fait accompli* to the house or the defence committee?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): This is such a broad question, Mr. Speaker, that I ask the privilege of studying it very carefully.

TRADE

WHEAT—INQUIRY AS TO IMPLEMENTATION
OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of a statement by an official of his department on March 18, as reported in yesterday's *Globe and Mail*, that there are a number of problems associated with the commencement of the new international world wheat agreement on July 1, 1968, can the minister advise the house what steps, if any, are being taken to seek the co-operation of Russia and other