

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

been able to agree on a chairman, on Friday we approached Associate Chief Judge Alan Gold, of Montreal, and asked him to chair the board. I am pleased to say that on Friday night Judge Gold accepted the chairmanship of the board of conciliation and I understand that he is already at work. I am hopeful that with Judge Gold's experience and prestige in labour disputes, and with men like Louis LaBerge and William Baker on the board, they will be able to come to grips quickly with the problems causing the present difficulties.

**Mr. Régimbal:** As a supplementary question, is the minister now prepared to advance the opposition's suggestion of a long term contract and a permanent industrial relations committee?

**Hon. B. S. Mackasey (Member of the Administration):** That has been considered, Mr. Speaker. I share the hon. member's interest in the port of Montreal, which I think he will agree should be above petty politics.

[Translation]

[Later:]

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the hon. Minister of Agriculture, further to the question put to him by my colleague from Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes.

Can he tell us whether his department or one of its agencies, such as the Canadian Wheat Board, or the Corn Exchange, have invited foreign shippers to use the Port Cartier or Baie Comeau port facilities, instead of the Montreal harbour, during the next shipping season, in view of the fact the present difficulties between shippers and dockers would make that port unusable?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I doubt that my department has done anything of the kind, but I shall take the question as notice, in case instructions should have been given to that effect.

[English]

**Mr. Valade:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the minister would inquire also as to the wheat board and the corn exchange, not only his department but also these agencies?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. Is he aware that according to today's Montreal

*Gazette* the hon. member for Verdun (Mr. Mackasey) is now handling the labour matter? I would like to know who is minister of labour?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

## UNITED NATIONS

VIET NAM—PROPOSED DISCUSSION IN  
SECURITY COUNCIL

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In view of reports over the week end that the United States commander in Viet Nam is asking for an additional 200,000 or more troops, thus indicating a further escalation of the disastrous war there, would the government consider asking the Secretary General of the United Nations to place this matter on the agenda of the Security Council immediately, in order to try to bring world opinion to bear on the possibility of a cease fire?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this matter has been considered at the United Nations. It could be considered in the general assembly and the Security Council, but I would point out to my hon. friend that on the basis of the investigation that has been made there is no reason to believe that North Viet Nam or communist China would appear at the Security Council.

**Mr. Lewis:** As a supplementary question may I ask the right hon. gentleman whether it would not be possible at the Security Council to discuss the matter on a world wide basis; and can the right hon. Prime Minister be so certain that either or both of these countries might not be induced to appear if the matter was discussed by the Security Council?

**Mr. Pearson:** It would hardly be in a world wide framework if one quarter of the world's people were not represented in the Security Council at the time of the discussion. I should also point out to my hon. friend that the Secretary General, who is always anxious to use the United Nations, as we all are, whenever possible, has taken the position that this is still a matter for the Geneva conference to decide before the United Nations.

**Mr. David MacDonald (Prince):** As a supplementary question will the Prime Minister