

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

I am hoping that with a little more flexibility on both sides this question could be settled, but it is not the main question. What I hope is that both the employers and the union will get down to the business of making an agreement and get on with the work in the interest of the country.

**Mr. Valade:** I have another supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister deny responsibility for applying some sort of set of rules to settle this situation or does he leave it entirely to the port authorities?

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

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, I believe this is a matter of great national urgency, and even though it is not strictly according to the rules perhaps you will permit me to say that this is not a dispute between the government as an employer and its employees. The long-shoremen are employed by private employers. The Minister of Labour is doing everything he can in this matter. He has appointed a conciliation board with an excellent chairman; I believe the other members are capable, but I do know that the chairman is excellent. Every effort is being made by the Department of Labour and the government to get the two parties to reach agreement.

[Translation]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport.

Is the minister not of the opinion that this conflict in the Montreal harbour is, in fact, a fight to the finish between two rival unions which make both workers and employers suffer?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member makes an argument. His question is not in order.

[English]

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do not think I should go into the background.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have ruled that the question is out of order.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****INVITATION TO SAUDI ARABIA KING TO VISIT CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the announcement yesterday that His Majesty King Faisal of Saudi Arabia will be paying a state visit to the United States next month, has the government invited and, if not, is it considering inviting the king to visit Canada at the same time?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the government has not given consideration to this matter. I am grateful to my hon. friend, however, for putting the question.

**PARLIAMENT HILL****PARKING OF YACHT BY MEMBER FOR LAPOINTE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. C. S. Smallwood (Battle River-Camrose):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Public Works which arises out of the shortage of parking space on the hill. Would the minister inform the house if he issued a special permit yesterday to the member for Lapointe to park his luxury yacht on parliament hill?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** No, Mr. Speaker, but I admired the yacht very much.

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

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION****INQUIRY AS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE OF MEDIATOR**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the statement by Mr. Ouimet yesterday that he had it on the highest authority that Mr. Keate is acting as a conciliator, would the minister inform the house precisely what aspects of the "Seven Days" dispute Mr. Keate has been instructed or asked to conciliate?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister made a statement as to the functions and prescribed duties of Mr. Keate. As this matter is not within my ministerial function I would prefer to look at what the Prime Minister said and deal with the question in the light of my understanding of both the question and the answer.