

even spending hundreds of thousands of dollars telling Canadians "to mail your mail. It is getting through. There is no problem." At the same time that Canada Post was spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to hire scabs at \$156 a day, and running advertising campaigns suggesting there were no problems, it was telling its own employees not to use the mails. I refer to a directive which went out to all people working in the Huron District, which includes Hamilton, London and various areas in that neighbourhood even though Canada Post was telling Canadians to use the mail, that there were no problems. This is how much you can believe the word of Canada Post. It was concerned that pay cheques would not get through for its employees and it sent out a directive. A separate mail service was set up where Canada Post's mail was going from one postal area to another by private car. This directive to all employees said that they were not to get their pay cheques through the mail, as is normally the case, because the mail could not be trusted, but through a special service which was established in the same way the special mail service was established only for Canada Post during the previous rotating walkouts.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I am sorry to have to interrupt the Hon. Member. I am sure she will also be glad to have a rest. It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m., the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—EFFECT ON WESTERN LOW SULPHUR COAL SALES

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, months ago the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) announced an action committee to identify ways to improve the chances of selling western Canada's low sulphur coal in Ontario. If Ontario Hydro alone were to use western Canadian instead of United States coal, there could be up to 13,000 new jobs in western Canada, and significant reductions in acid gas pollution.

At present, American coal is up to \$20 per tonne cheaper. In addition, with the Canada-U.S. trade agreement guaranteeing duty-free access to Canada, there will be little incentive for Ontario Hydro, or other industries, to use western Canadian coal. Furthermore, the so-called free trade agreement could prevent us from adopting transportation subsidies that would

lower the cost of moving western Canadian coal to markets in eastern Canada.

Will the Deputy Prime Minister speak to western miners, to whom he promised seven months ago to expand the market of western coal, and explain the consequences of the so-called free trade agreement which gives our energy resources away to U.S. industry, restricts Canadian use of Canadian resources, and removes desirable opportunities for future expansion?

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

CANADIAN NAVAL AIR GROUP ASSOCIATION—OTTAWA REUNION

Mr. W. R. Bud Jardine (Northumberland—Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, they gathered here in the nation's capital on the weekend by the hundreds. They came from all parts of our country and beyond, former officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy. They came to pay tribute to one of Canada's great wartime heroes, Lieutenant Hampton Grey, the only Canadian naval officer and naval aviator ever to have been awarded the Victoria Cross, and it was done so posthumously.

They came to reminisce, those men who, in the words of an unknown naval aviator, knew fear and excitement, kinship and challenge, joy and victory, because they shared the carrier experience. They are members of CNAG, the Canadian Naval Air Group Association, which was formed at the demise of the Royal Canadian Navy and Canada's last aircraft carrier, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Bonaventure*. They are all men who served in Canada's flat tops. They belong now to a closed shop, a rare breed, and I salute the contribution they made collectively to Canada's naval history, and to the history of aviation in Canada.

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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD TO PRESIDENT ARIAS OF COSTA RICA

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica has been awarded the Nobel Prize for his work in developing and forwarding a peace plan for Central America.

Despite economic sabre rattling by President Reagan, and some of the right wing Republicans who hope to succeed him as President, the people of Central America have pushed ahead with the peace agenda which was adopted by the five Central American Presidents on August 7. For the first time in 26 years, Guatemalan guerrillas and Government are talking with each other. Talks are also under way in El Salvador. The Nicaraguan Government has set up reconciliation committees