UNITED STATES - Mr. Samuel C. Waugh, Assistant Secretary of State

VIETNAM - H. E. Tran Van Chuong, Ambassador to United States

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(Leader): Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs

Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce

Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Finance

Hon. James Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Jean Lesage, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources

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Mr. J. English, Director, Trade Commissioner Service

Mr. L. Rasminsky, Bank of Canada

Mr. M. Lamontagne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Dept. of Northern Affairs and National Resources

Associated with this group of officials are the following officers of various departments:

Mr. S. M. Scott, Canadian High Commissioner Designate to Pakistan

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Mr. D. W. Bartlett, Director, Technical Co-operation Service, Department of Trade and Commerce

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FEWER STRIKES: Time loss, arising from industrial disputes in Canada, which showed a sharp drop in July, continued the drop during August, and was the lowest recorded for any August since 1949, according to a preliminary summary of strikes and lockouts released by the Minister of Labour.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the time lost in August 1954, amounted to 0.06 per cent of the estimated working time, as compared with 0.07 per cent in July 1954; 0.11 per cent in August 1953; 0.07 per cent for the first eight months of 1954; and 0.06 per cent for the corresponding period in 1953.

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HELL'S GATE PAY-OFF: The Adams River sockeye run this year has exceeded expectations and old-timers state that the engineering feat at Hell's Gate has definitely proven itself and is resulting in runs reminiscent of forty to fifty years ago.

Canadian and American fishermen are expected to take over 10,000,000 fish from the 1954 Adams River run, which is now being fished by the gillnetters in the Fraser River. This is a quite different picture from the 'flop' in 1950.

Another feature of the 1954 run is the size of the fish - averaging over 7 pounds - about a pound heavier than normal. On August 30 the Canadian seining fleet had their last crack at this run and, with the gillnetters, accounted for some 600,000 fish, the Fisheries Council of Canada announced on September 17.

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Schools in cities in all provinces except Quebec averaged 35.7 pupils per class last year as compared with averages of 34.6 for town and village schools, 28.3 for rural schools of 2 to 5 rooms and only 18 for one-room rural schools.