

Mr. Anderson: Has there been any protest or communication to the International Control Commission in Viet Nam by the Cambodian government? I am not referring to the now defunct commission in Cambodia but to the commission in Viet Nam, in the country from which these forces are actually crossing the border into Cambodia?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I think this is a very important question and I will attempt to answer it during my intervention in the debate.

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

QUEBEC—PROVINCIAL ELECTION COVERAGE

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister a question.

Several months ago he stated in no uncertain terms that if the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation did not improve its news services, he would close the shop. Well, last Wednesday night we all noticed that the new premier of Quebec was given about ten minutes on the CBC newscast, Mr. Bertrand about five minutes, Mr. Samson three or four minutes, but half an hour was devoted to Mr. René Lévesque and the separatists of the province of Quebec.

Can the Prime Minister tell us whether he will consider the situation, and should he find it necessary to close the shop, will he make it snappy?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Speaker, I can give this undertaking to the leader of the Ralliement créditiste. For my part, I am busy dusting my Chinese vases.

[English]

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When the Prime Minister moves on this matter, could he also find out from the CBC how many complaints it received on Wednesday night about the election coverage or the lack of it?

Mr. Trudeau: I will refer this question to the minister who will no doubt refer it to the corporation.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask

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the Prime Minister a question in view of the circular that I presume has come across the desks of all hon. members. Would he take this opportunity to explain these remarks which he made during a press conference:

—of course I can't go into the mind of Quebeckers—

And then almost in the same breath:

I think there is a lot of confusion in the minds of the people of Quebec.

Would he mind explaining these statements?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the Prime Minister would want to present this explanation by way of a statement on motions.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is any harm in trying to direct the Prime Minister's mind—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED STATES ON CONTROL OF POLLUTION IN GREAT LAKES

Mr. G. W. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of a recent statement by the Chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission that Canada and the United States are on a collision course over the Great Lakes pollution problem, has the minister discussed with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, or any other member of the U.S. administration, some means of providing better co-operation by Canada and the United States on this matter?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the International Joint Commission has submitted its report on pollution of the Great Lakes to me. I have asked the United States government to agree with us on a time for release of this report which I think will provide a basis for action by both governments. We are working very closely with the United States and I expect our co-operation will be even closer in future.

Mr. Aiken: Would the minister take up with the United States authorities the question of Canadian subsidiaries of U.S. corporations which apparently are not adhering to some of the programs and standards of the Ontario Water Resources Commission?