

*Inquiries of the Ministry*  
**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**

**CARRIAGE OF MAIL DURING AIR  
 CANADA STRIKE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill):** I have a supplementary question for the Postmaster General, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Postmaster General could say whether any new contracts have been negotiated with other than the regular mail carrying service of Air Canada to carry the air mail during this strike.

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**VIET NAM—CANADIAN CONSULTATION WITH  
 UNITED STATES TO STOP BOMBING**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Press reports indicate that the government intends to make representations to the government of the United States to cease the bombing in Viet Nam as a necessary prelude to negotiations and a peace settlement. Might I ask the Prime Minister whether the government is intending to make such representations; and if so, how soon?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we have been continuously in touch with the government of the United States with regard to this and other aspects of the unhappy situation in Viet Nam. I cannot say that there is any likelihood of any particular form of representation being made to the United States at this time on the subject; but we have been discussing it with them.

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister a supplementary question. Is the government favourable to making such representations, and is it likely to make representations fairly soon, in view of the very serious military escalation that is developing?

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, we would like to see the bombing of North Viet Nam stopped. We would also like to see stopped the intervention of North Viet Nam in the war in South Viet Nam through their regular forces.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

[Mr. Speaker.]

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**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF AGREEMENT  
 TO SETTLE STRIKE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Postmaster General or Minister of National Revenue, who according to the *Ottawa Citizen* were in a very jubilant mood yesterday. I would ask them whether all the workers in the union of postal workers and the letter carriers union will receive a flat 25 cents per hour increase, or are there some variations involved in the agreement that was signed?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should answer this question. It will take a little longer than is normally the case when answering questions, but it is a very important matter.

Last night representatives of the postal workers including their bargaining committee, Mr. Morris of the Canadian Labour Congress, representatives of the Canadian union of postal workers and representatives of the letter carriers union of Canada signed an agreement with the government. I would read the agreement to the house, if hon. members will give me permission to do so.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Benson:** This arises out of the very wonderful work that was done by Judge Montpetit in mediating this particular dispute.

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister of National Revenue could summarize in a few words what he intends to read, because the extract which he has in his hand seems to be a very long one.

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, it is not very long and I would really like to put it on the record, instead of my own summarization of it so as to avoid being accused, of producing incorrect figures.

The document reads as follows:

I, André Montpetit, as mediator in the discussions between representatives of the Government of Canada and representatives of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Letter Carriers' Union of Canada, recommend to the parties the following terms of settlement:

(1) That a joint committee composed of representatives of both unions and of the Post Office Department be formed immediately to study the recommendations contained in the recent report of