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I sense in the young, if it is not too presumptuous of me to interpret their aspirations, a frustration with empty rhetoric and sloganeering. The UN has within its grasp an opportunity, now that it approaches the universalism so long sought, to transform a land which is the home of an ancient civilization. The mechanisms are in place and qualified people are ready in WHO, FAO and UNDP. Let us use them and the agencies that they represent.

This is what Canada must do as she takes her place at the conference at the end of this month, a conference that has as its purpose the guarantee of the end to the war and the maintenance of peace. I submit that to do less would be unacceptable.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Would the House agree to revert to motions to allow the hon. member for Gamelin (Mr. Portelance) to table a report?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

First report of Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration—(Mr. Portelance).

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair until eight o'clock tonight.

At six o'clock, the House took recess.

[English]

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT—PARTICIPATION BY CANADA IN SUPERVISORY COMMISSION

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Sharp:

This House welcomes the conclusion of the agreements on ending the war and restoring peace in Viet Nam and notes the provision for an International Commission of Control and Supervision as part of the cease-fire arrangements, in which Canada has agreed to participate for the initial period of 60 days as provided

Viet Nam

for in the note, dated January 27, 1973, from the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the four parties to the Viet Nam cease-fire.

[Translation]

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, after listening to two speeches by the official opposition this afternoon, I should like to express a wish: that if and when the official opposition forms the government their Secretary of State for External Affairs be the hon. member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Fairweather) rather than the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner), which would be unfortunate. Seldom have I heard two such contrasting speeches. The first was as positive, as marked with humanism, open-mindedness and international solidarity as the second was marked with pessimism, inconsistencies, naivety and, I dare not venture to add, inaccuracies which, in certain cases, seemed deliberate to me.

To start off with, Mr. Speaker, I shall give just one illustration of the inconsistencies in the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe's speech. He told us this afternoon, and I quote:

[English]

The international forces that we have been part of in the Congo, in Cyprus, in the mid-East have had measures of success worthy of note.

[Translation]

He said that this afternoon. I would like to recall, Mr. Speaker, what he was saying barely a few days ago, namely on January 24, and I quote from page 597 of *Hansard*:

[English]

We do not want Canada to go once more through what it has experienced on the International Control Commission since 1954 or what it has experienced in Cyprus.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the same researchers prepare the remarks of the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe, but such a glaring contradiction in less than one week on our peacekeeping participation in Cyprus is absolute proof that not only the argument of the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe is weak but that it crumbles under its own contradictions.

Let me review one by one the various remarks he made this afternoon and I think I am not distorting his thoughts when I say that basically his speech reflected the following point of view: We are not satisfied with the agreement signed by the four parties, particularly between North Viet Nam and the United States. We are not satisfied with the agreement signed between Mr. Le Duc Tho and Mr. Kissinger. We would like the fighting to resume and when the powers that be will have signed a new agreement satisfactory to us, then we will be able to say we are satisfied. This I think is the essence of the remarks made by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe this afternoon.

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): This is distorting my point of view.

Mr. De Bané: At the beginning of his speech he went as far as to say that the government had not informed the House. Let me remind him that since January 1969, the