

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

manipulating Crown corporations, the Secretary of State said, as appeared in the April 26 issue of the *Ottawa Journal*:

Nowadays you can leave the written press free if you can manipulate the radio and television facilities.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order please. That, of course, is not a point of order. At the beginning of the question period I would invite the co-operation of hon. members to move on as soon as possible to other questions. If we spend too much time on one question, the Chair gets in difficulty with members who feel they should have been called upon to ask their questions earlier. I also take this opportunity to remind hon. members that there is a forty-minute limit on the question period. Some hon. members will be first, others necessarily will be last, and I try to be as fair as I can and call on hon. members as quickly as I can. I hope that from day to day members who are called at the last will not hold it against the Chair because they have not been called first.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to allow the hon. member for Crowfoot to ask a supplementary. He was unfortunately lost in the fray. He asked the original question and did not have the opportunity of asking a supplementary. I feel very badly about this.

**Mr. Horner:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not mind being put aside for a while, but I did want to have the last word. I wish to ask the Prime Minister if the government will give consideration to providing an opportunity at an early date, possibly in the Transportation Committee, to allow this whole question of passenger service and the commitment for passenger service from coast to coast to be studied in order to determine the need in view of the particular concern of the Canadian people all across Canada?

**Mr. Trudeau:** You have had the last word.

**Mr. Horner:** I assume from the Prime Minister's reply, Mr. Speaker, that he is in agreement with having this question studied in the Transportation Committee at an early opportunity. He nodded his head and I just wanted to confirm his agreement.

**LABOUR RELATIONS**

**LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT**

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** I wish to address a question to the Minister of [Mr. Simpson.]

Labour. It is my understanding that association executives and negotiating members of seven Vancouver longshoremen's locals met yesterday afternoon and last night in an endeavour to resolve the dispute and that there have been some new proposals. In view of this serious situation, is it possible for the Minister of Labour to comment on the information he has in order to bring us up to date?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The ILWU have come up with some proposals which will be considered at meetings of the several locals at one o'clock p.m. Vancouver time. I anticipate that the results of those meetings and votes will be known at six o'clock Vancouver time. If the deliberations and votes are favourable, it is quite conceivable the men will be back to work in a day or two.

[*Translation*]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**REPLY TO PROTEST RESPECTING VISIT OF JEAN DE LIPKOWSKI**

**Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Can he tell the House whether he has received a reply to the diplomatic note sent to the French government concerning Mr. Lipkowski's visit to Quebec?

[*English*]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the discussions between our ambassador and the foreign minister of France have not yet taken place.

**OIL**

**INQUIRY AS TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF REVISIONS IN POLICY**

**Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the critical situation which has developed, as pointed out by the Independent Petroleum Association of Canada, when will the minister be in a position to announce revisions in the national oil policy which will allow the petroleum industry to fulfil the greatly increasing demand, both national and international, for Canadian oil?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The main responsibility for the oil policy, Mr. Speaker, comes