Inquiries of the Ministry EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RHODESIA—INQUIRY AS TO COMMITMENT BY CANADA TO USE FORCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs, but in his absence I will direct it to the right hon. Prime Minister. At the recent Commonwealth meeting in London concerning the existing situation in Southern Rhodesia, did Canada give any sort of undertaking to any or all of her Commonwealth colleagues that, if necessary, we would support the use of armed forces in Southern Rhodesia in order to bring about the termination of the Smith government?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.

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REPORTED INCREASE IN RATES FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I apologize for not sending him notice of it, but I only just received this information from a gentleman who travels extensively in Canada. Last week this gentleman rented a room in a hotel in the Montreal area for \$9.50 and on the door he found the following notice: "After May 1, 1967 the same room for a single person will be \$22.50; for two people, \$32.50". Can the minister take this matter up with the appropriate municipal authorities to stop this practice?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think the question is so urgent that it cannot be placed on the order paper.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

MONTREAL, P.Q.-AGREEMENT TO END STRIKE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister, in view of the absence of the Postmaster General. I wonder whether any announcement can be made in the house regarding the postal delivery strike in Montreal?

[Mr. Sharp.]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, this morning an agreement was signed by the two parties. This agreement was submitted for ratification to the members of the unions and it is hoped that by now this ratification has taken place. If so, work will be resumed tonight.

[Translation]

LABOUR RELATIONS

C.N.T.U.-DEFINITION OF BARGAINING UNIT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

As the ministerial committee has submitted its report to the cabinet, does the government intend to introduce shortly a bill defining the units of negotiations and recognizing them on the natural as well as on the national level.

[English]

AIR POLLUTION

URGENCY OF SITUATION IN CANADIAN CITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the urgent situation existing in several Canadian cities, has the department taken any action to exercise its responsibilities for control of air pollution as it affects the health of Canadians?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Aiken: Then, may I ask what action has been taken?

Mr. MacEachen: The question is too general for me to answer at the present time.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe there is agreement amongst hon. members that the question is much too wide to be answered at this time.

Mr. Aiken: May I ask the minister whether there have been any recent conferences with provincial authorities in this regard?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take this question as notice.

Mr. McCleave: Because you do not know.