

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, the situation disclosed in the first part of the question addressed to me by the right hon. gentleman is not a fact in those terms, and therefore it follows that the second question does not require an answer.

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my question is supplementary. In view of the statement made yesterday by Mr. Chester Ronning that China would not consider a two-Chinas policy, is the Canadian government investigating the policy of having the Formosa group known henceforth as Formosa rather than China, in an effort to make it possible for mainland China, the real China, to be brought into the United Nations?

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, this is an interesting suggestion but is not one that is necessarily included in the ideas we are putting forward to our friends which in the normal course of events we would be doing, as this resolution will be coming up in the next few days. We have given much thought to the solution of this problem and one approach to it is by recognizing the "two-Chinas" policy.

**Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister whether before the vote takes place at the end of the debate on the resolution the government will make known to this house its definite stand on the general issue of the admission of continental China to the United Nations?

**Mr. Pearson:** Our stand will be determined as a result of the consultations in which we are now engaging, and it will be reflected in the statement that will be made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin), at the United Nations assembly. If it is possible to have a discussion of this matter in the house before that meeting, I think it would be quite proper to do so.

**AIR CANADA****MEDIATION FOLLOWING STRIKE ACTION—  
POSSIBLE LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Labour regarding the present strike of Air Canada, and ask him whether he has now received the report of the three private mediators who were dealing with this matter. If so, is he planning to appoint a

government mediator, or what other steps will he be taking in an endeavour to bring together the two parties in the dispute?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, my present advice is that there is no actual report from the mediation team. I had understood that there might be such a report, but instead of that I find that a letter was written by the chairman of the mediation group, which I received yesterday afternoon and which I referred for study to officials of my department, also with the instruction to see what other reports or letters may have been circulated. We have not been able to locate any others to date, but it is too early for us to make a statement at this time on what action should or might be taken.

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. May I ask the minister whether the government is giving any consideration to appointing a mediator in an endeavour to bring the parties together and settle the matter as quickly as possible?

**Mr. Nicholson:** Such a suggestion has come up but I cannot say that the government is considering it until we have assembled the facts on which we should base our decision.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the air strike seems to have caused an emergency similar to the railway strike, is the government anticipating bringing in legislation to end the strike similar to that with which they ended the railway strike?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the two situations are not the same and I do not think it would help to bring this strike to a conclusion for the government or parliament to step in at this time in this way. I hope we will not be required to do so in a strike of this kind.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I have a further supplementary. How long does the government and the Prime Minister intend to wait before they find it is an emergency?

**AIR TRANSPORT****LICENSING OF OTHER AIR CARRIERS DURING  
STRIKE OF AIR CANADA PERSONNEL**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether he has been advised by the Canadian Labour Congress of its opposition to