

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

In view of the fact that the government of the Philippines has decided to send troops to Viet Nam and in view of the fact that American bombings have been resumed, has the Canadian government been asked to send Canadian troops to Viet Nam to help the United States?

**Some hon. Members:** A hundred thousand.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** We have received a letter from a Mr. Echlin, which has not yet been answered, but we have asked for the advice of the Department of Justice.

**Mr. Caouette:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think the Secretary of State for External Affairs did not understand my question.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member might be able to ask his question again if he is not happy with the answer given by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. For the time being, the Chair recognizes the hon. member for Huron.

**Mr. Martin:** I think that I did understand your question but that you did not understand my answer.

[English]

**IMMIGRATION****REPORTED INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS FROM RUMANIA**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, my question arises out of an article in last month's issue of the magazine *Tablet* and I should like to direct it to the minister in charge of immigration. Has there been an unusual increase so far this year in applications from Rumania of people wishing to emigrate from the province of Transylvania to Canada?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I believe this question should be placed on the order paper.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****REFUSAL OF EXPRESS SHIPMENTS BECAUSE OF TRUCKING STRIKE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Does the minister know why the C.N.R. is refusing to pick up express from the Huron county area for delivery to the Montreal area?

[Mr. Caouette.]

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps that is an urgent question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. If hon. members feel this is an urgent question that should be replied to by the minister at this time—the Chair has grave doubts—then I would be quite satisfied to hear the Minister of Transport. Are hon. members in agreement with this?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I think, sir, it is an urgent question because an embargo on shipping at any time is something that is put on suddenly and, one hopes, is taken off just as quickly as possible. That is the situation with regard to the embargo which the railways have had to put on in some parts of Ontario because of the regrettable strike of the truckers and the fact that in the circumstances they have not sufficient capacity to carry all the goods that are offered to the railways.

**Mr. McKinley:** Could the minister say whether this situation will improve before the strike is over?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I could not say that but I fervently hope the strike will soon be over.

**LABOUR RELATIONS****ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION IN TRUCKING STRIKE**

On the orders of the day:

**Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Labour. In view of what the Minister of Transport has just said, that this action is spreading all over Ontario and causing economic hardship, will the minister reconsider his position, bring these parties together and try to bring about a settlement?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. My understanding is that the question of the hon. member was directed to the Minister of Transport.

**Mr. Starr:** To the Minister of Labour.

**Mr. Nicholson:** Mr. Speaker, the parties are together this afternoon. I have been telling hon. members off and on for two weeks that the parties have been having meetings.

**Mr. Starr:** Mr. Speaker, we get the same answer from the Minister of Labour each time we ask this question. In view of the fact