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## MR. SHARP REPORTS ON INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

*On his return to Ottawa after two weeks of meetings in Lisbon, Paris, Washington and New York, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, reported as follows to the House of Commons on June 14:*

...On Friday at the United Nations in New York I had a meeting with the Secretary-General and Mr. Kittani, Assistant Secretary-General for Interagency Affairs, who has been co-ordinating the United Nations relief efforts in East Pakistan and West Bengal. This afternoon I shall be seeing the Indian Foreign Minister, Mr. Swaran Singh. These conversations will enable the Government to assess the present needs in East Pakistan and West Bengal and the machinery needed to provide relief. This will help us to provide further assistance in the most effective way.

My colleague the Minister of Environment, has reported to you on the joint ministerial meeting on

Great Lakes pollution in Washington last Thursday, at which I led the Canadian delegation. The Canada-United States agreement that we will be negotiating in the next few months calls for intergovernmental co-operation on an unprecedented scale, involving as it does the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec on our side of the border, of the United States and five Great Lakes states on the other.

I must say that I was impressed in Washington by the way all interested parties accepted their responsibilities for the reversal of the degradation of the Great Lakes, by the shared determination to get on with the job and particularly by the sense of urgency expressed by speaker after speaker.

We are already at work on the problem, on both sides of the border. The agreement, when it comes into effect, will establish specific goals, speed up the work and provide powers to the International Joint Commission to carry out the necessary surveillance to ensure that quality standards are met and maintained.

### TRANSPORTATION OF OIL

While in Washington, as I indicated to the House earlier, my colleague the Minister of the Environment and I had a meeting with Secretary Rogers on the proposed movement of oil from Prudhoe Bay to Seattle through the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Strait of Georgia. I made clear to Secretary Rogers that my purpose was not, as some have suggested, to promote the so-called "Mackenzie Route", but rather to impress upon the United States Government its common interest with Canada in the avoidance of a major pollution threat to what my colleague the Minister of the Environment described as "essentially an inland sea around which are population concentrations and substantial economic interests as well as features of great natural beauty and recreational value".

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