

*Oral Questions*

[Translation]

## CANADA POST

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation.

The collective agreements have been extended from the expiry date mentioned for each agreement in the Schedule until July 31, 1993, according to the bill to provide for the continuation of postal services tabled today by the Minister of Labour.

Could the minister give us the assurance today that the Canada Post Corporation will abide by every single clause of the collective agreement, since for several months, a number of managers with Canada Post in Ottawa and Quebec City have shown no respect for employees in the Abitibi region?

[English]

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, Canada Post, as does the union, must always respect the collective agreement. It is a legally binding contract and both sides are expected to enforce and respect it. I am sure that will continue to happen.

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## YUGOSLAVIA

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

As the minister knows, the situation in Croatia is deteriorating and hundreds of lives are being lost every day. This morning the Secretary-General of the United Nations issued a very alarming report that the UN arms embargo is now being largely violated or ignored by member states.

Will the minister take steps to have our UN ambassador, now that he is free of other duties, to ask for an immediate meeting of the Security Council to consider this report by the Secretary-General and to begin looking at what immediate actions can be taken by the United Nations to stop the bloodshed of innocent people in that region.

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, this country has really been very active in the United Nations and with other organizations through the European Community in trying to bring peace and stability to this extraordinarily troubled country with the tragic situation that is going on right now.

Ours was the first request to the Security Council. That is why the Security Council dealt with the issue in the first place.

Our ambassador to the United Nations has been active ever since, and will continue to be active in trying to move international action on this forward. Let me say that for Canada's part, we have done everything we can, including offering extra monitors to the peace process. We have been in touch with the European Community which is taking the lead on this. We are doing everything that we possibly can to try and bring some stability to this terrible problem.

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre):** About three weeks ago the minister indicated that Canada was going to consult with its UN and European partners to determine further action, including a strict economic embargo.

Considering the continued bloodshed, I would suggest that three weeks is more than enough time to have urgent consultations. Will the minister indicate today if Canada is now prepared to publicly support the call for an economic embargo against Yugoslavia to stop the fighting, to stop the bloodshed, to stop the conflict.

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we have never ceased to be active on the Yugoslavian problem. We have never stopped. Since the last question was asked we have continued to be in touch with Europe. We have continued to be in touch with the United Nations.

There is some real concern in some quarters that an economic embargo will hurt the people it is intended to help. When you look at what is going on right now in Dubrovnik and in other areas of Croatia, an economic embargo is not going to stop that. What is going to stop it is when the Yugoslavian army stops attacking and surrounding and putting an embargo on places like Dubrovnik.