

## CANADIAN IS BACK FROM INDOCHINA

### Sharp Promises Word Soon on Observer Force

OTTAWA, March 19—Returning from a six-day visit to Indochina, Mitchell W. Sharp, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, promised a "very quick" decision today on the issue of keeping Canadian observers on the International Commission of Control and Supervision.

Mr. Sharp, who visited North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Laos, was expected to make a formal report on his 22,000-mile trip to the House of Commons tomorrow.

On landing at Ottawa early this morning, Mr. Sharp said that a decision would very shortly follow his report. In any event, Canada will announce her intention on the Vietnam force before March 28, when the initial 60-day inspection period

Ottawa has held from the beginning that its 290-member force would stay in Vietnam only as long as its "observations" were promoting a peace settlement.

#### 'Not Working Well'

Mr. Sharp said that his trip had confirmed previous reports that the control unit—on which Canada serves with Indonesia, Hungary and Poland—"is not working well." He noted, however, that Canada had been urged by "a whole series of governments" to remain on the commission.

Among the leaders with whom Mr. Sharp talked on his trip was Premier Pham Van Dong of North Vietnam. Mr. Sharp has said that he made repeated complaints to the Hanoi leader that the international force had been asked to investigate only 26 cases of cease-fire violations from among thousands of reported incidents.

#### Peace Will Be Difficult

He said the Premier replied that the peace negotiations had been long and difficult and that peace itself would be difficult. But North Vietnam, Mr. Sharp quoted Premier Dong as having said, would scrupulously adhere to the Paris agreement.

Leaders of the Conservative party, Canada's Opposition, who refused an invitation to send a representative with Mr. Sharp on the trip, have been demanding that the minority Liberal Government let Parliament decide whether the observers should continue in Vietnam. The New Democrats, who have the balance of power in the House of Commons, also urge a decision by Parliament. One of that party's members did accompany Mr. Sharp.