

Adjournment Debate

ignore. Else let it ever remain on the conscience of every member of parliament that we have ignored those Canadians who have no voice in presenting their case to those who are elected to govern. I hope the parliamentary secretary will be able to provide an answer to this predicament which exists among those who are blind and disabled.

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member so rightly indicated in his question of February 20, and again tonight, the provinces can provide more substantial benefits to the blind and disabled persons within their boundaries by opting to apply the more generous provisions of the Canada Assistance Plan instead of the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act which sets a maximum benefit at \$75 per month.

It was because of the limitations of the categorical programs which classified need into the categories of blind, disabled, unemployed, and so on, that it was decided that the federal government would cease to participate in these programs. Most provinces have decided to cease to accept applications under these programs and have transferred recipients to their more comprehensive assistance programs. Unfortunately, the province from which the hon. member comes has preferred to remain within the programs which limit allowances to \$75 per month, rather than apply for blind and disabled provisions under the Canada Assistance Plan.

I must also correct the impression the hon. member would leave with the House when he implies that "the guaranteed income is a long way down the road." I would point out to hon. members that, at the most recent conference of ministers of welfare, it was reaffirmed that the social security system should incorporate income support for people who are unable to work or for whom employment cannot be found—those very people of whom the hon. member speaks, the blind and the disabled, as well as the aged. As the minister said in this House on May 7, 1975, "A guaranteed income program for those unable to work should be implemented as soon as possible, even as soon as 1976." I would refer the hon. member to the communiqué which was issued at the end of the conference and made available to all members of the House for more details in this respect.

I would also like to point out to the House that a major element of the new approach to social services and one which received unanimous approval from all the provinces was that people in receipt of support should be provided with the rehabilitation and employment services required to make it possible for them to take employment found or created for them. It was agreed that cost sharing for rehabilitation services to disabled persons would be substantially improved by adding a number of services not hitherto covered by shared cost agreement, including transportation services and the operative and capital costs of provincial rehabilitation facilities.

In addition, sharing would apply when such services are extended for the purpose of helping disabled people to become more self-dependent in their homes instead of only when the services relate to obtaining employment. Improved financing for support services for the aged and handicapped is intended to enable as many as possible to remain in their homes and communities rather than being

[Mr. Marshall.]

sent to institutions. Such services could include home-maker services, meals on wheels, and day-care for the aged and the handicapped.

I have just stated what this government is doing for the blind and disabled and others for whom the government shows such deep concern.

● (2210)

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—CREATION OF JOBS IN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IN WINNIPEG—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 1974, a great stage production reached Winnipeg, Manitoba. It was none other than the "Liberal travelling road show" with a list of goodies. The main actors in this road show were the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Richardson), and the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Guay). It had an illustrious director, none other than the president of the Liberal party of Canada, Senator Molgat of Manitoba.

In this great ham production it was announced that there would be a \$15 million hangar built in Winnipeg—one of the goodies. It was reminiscent of the 1972 campaign, the "goodies campaign". Well, we have seen no evidence of this \$15 million hangar being built, and if it ever is built it will not be a political gift. It was announced as far back as 1968 as an Air Canada requirement for Winnipeg to look after the larger aircraft.

It was also said in this road show that 800 aerospace jobs would be created in Manitoba. We have seen no evidence of 800 jobs being created. There has been a decrease in the number of aerospace jobs in Winnipeg. Despite the announcement that the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer) made last week that the Buffalo aircraft would be overhauled at the Bristol plant, this will mean no increase in staff whatsoever.

Shortly after this big show on May 23, 1974, the Liberals put out a paper called the "South Centre Focus". This paper states that 800 new jobs will be created for Winnipeg South Centre, and continues:

It is estimated that 800 new jobs will be created as a result of James Richardson assigning all the Department of National Defence Boeing 707 work to the Winnipeg facility and as a result of the directions given Air Canada.

What does this mean to my riding of Winnipeg South Centre? A bunch of baloney. They are so concerned with my riding! It would mean the addition of 3,600 people into the community, based on a family unit of four. It is said that these jobs would mean an annual payroll addition of \$10 million, based on an average wage of \$12,500. I say that is completely false.

I now refer to some other election material put out by the Minister of National Defence:

The latest and in some ways the most important achievement in Jim Richardson's six years as the federal member from Winnipeg South is the return of a major Air Canada overhaul base to Winnipeg.

Completely false. This election material goes on to say: That "something" has been achieved by Jim Richardson and the Air Canada overhaul base is back home again in Winnipeg.

Another complete and total fabrication. He is playing with people's lives; he is misleading people, and hon.