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participate in this international centre or will it be established and financed entirely by Canada itself?

Mr. Trudeau: The policy has not yet been determined in a final way by the government and therefore I should not like to announce it.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**CANADAIR LIMITED, MONTREAL—LAY-OFF OF EMPLOYEES**

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Minister of Supply and Services regarding Canadair Limited in Montreal, which allegedly has laid off some 1,500 men since January 1 without any notice whatsoever. In view of the fact that this company is operating mainly on the basis of government contracts, may I ask whether there are any provisions in these contracts to safeguard the Canadian employees of this United States subsidiary and ensure that proper notice is given these employees who are being laid off?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): I will take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker, because I do not know the details of the contracts as they may affect the security of employees.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): In view of the fact that Orenda, the company at Malton which makes the engines for these planes, does give its employees notice and severance pay, will the minister make representations to Canadair to see that it gives the same treatment to its employees?

Mr. Richardson: I will look into that, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS**ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY—CELEBRATION OF ST. GEORGES DE BEAUCE—MONTREAL PARADE**

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Following the unfortunate events that took place in Sherbrooke recently the Prime Minister has been invited to Saint-Georges de Beauce to attend the celebration of St. Jean Baptiste Day—the feast of French Canadians—and I would like to ask him if he is seriously thinking of accepting that invitation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I must say that I have not yet seen that invitation, but I was told before coming to the house that I had effectively received it, and I am most happy. Such an invitation is extremely welcome under the circumstances and certainly indicates that the population is standing firm. There are probably many Liberals and a few Créditistes there.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Trudeau: I will send my reply as soon as possible.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

As there are lots of Créditistes in Beauce, is he of the opinion and does he admit that those people are at least civilized?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Charlevoix.

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

The president of the St. Jean Baptiste Day celebrations announced this morning in Montreal that 10 countries would be represented in the St. Jean Baptiste parade and that 25 ambassadors would attend. He also added that he had not considered inviting any representative of the federal government.

As I know that this is an insult to French Canadians who are members of this house, could the Prime Minister, on behalf of parliament, protest strongly and officially against the attitude of the leaders of the St. Jean Baptiste society of Montreal?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that it belongs to me to protest strongly. I understand that a private body is organizing those celebrations, but I quite agree with the hon. member and it seems to me that those who accept to participate in such a demonstration could well ask themselves how it is that they are invited if the federal government is not.

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FINANCE**REQUEST FOR WHITE PAPER ON NATIONAL SECURITIES COMMISSION**

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the