

Oral Questions

will take into consideration the restraint the labour movement has to exercise at this time because of inflation. This concern will be reflected, I think, in the letter carriers settlement when it is divulged to the membership. There is no reason why, if the same common sense type of responsibility is shown by inside workers of CUPW, the problems which separate us cannot be resolved. Once again I hope the hon. member for Brandon-Souris will use his influence behind the scenes to expedite this settlement.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO AGREEMENT—POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES LEADING TO IMPROVEMENT FOR CANADA

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Considering the record \$1.3 billion deficit in Canada-U.S. automotive trade last year and the fact that some 20 per cent of those normally employed in the automotive parts industry are now without jobs, can the minister inform the House whether at the meeting which took place in Ottawa last Friday between Canadian and U.S. officials some decisions were reached which will lead to an improvement in the situation for Canada.

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I cannot report any specific progress, although I think that when officials of two governments are speaking, that is progress. I think it should be clear that the auto pact is not up for renegotiation at present.

AUTO PARTS—GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO IMPROVE SITUATION OF MANUFACTURERS

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the specific proposals the minister brought forward in the last few days to deal with the lamentable situation in the parts industry pertained to only about 5 per cent of that industry, to a part not covered by the Canadian-U.S. pact, and as the major problem in the parts industry is associated with Canada-U.S. trade in auto parts, has the government any policy changes to suggest which would improve the situation for Canadian auto parts producers.

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, the auto parts industry, like other parts of the automobile industry, will recover its sales as soon as the United States market recovers. Clearly, that is the major market for auto part sales. We are trying to assist the auto parts industry to find new markets outside Canada. The particular measure the hon. member referred to is aimed at providing incentives for foreign automobile manufacturers to purchase Canadian-made auto parts.

An hon. Member: You have got to be kidding!

[Mr. Mackasey.]

CANADA-UNITED STATES AUTO AGREEMENT—SUGGESTION CANADA BE GUARANTEED RIGHT TO PRODUCE EQUIVALENT IN DOLLAR VALUE OF CONSUMPTION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Considering the difficulties which, from the Canadian point of view, have arisen from the current practices engaged in under the Canada-U.S. automotive agreement, can the minister tell the House whether the Canadian government is proposing certain specific changes in that agreement; more particularly, would the government favour a proposal that would guarantee to Canadians the right to produce in dollar value, averaged over a two or three-year period, that level which we actually consume in automotive cars and parts.

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, when the automobile market in the United States is good, Canadian automobile parts manufacturers participate. Nevertheless, when the market turns down, they have to take their lumps along with everybody else.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

ADVERTISEMENT IN "GLOBE AND MAIL" BY ORGANIZATION CALLED ZERO POPULATION GROWTH—REQUEST FOR ACTION

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the minister's responsibility for the status of women in our society—

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Mrs. Appolloni:—what action—

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Mrs. Appolloni: As I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted, what action does the minister intend to take in response to the heavily sexist and distastefully anti-feminist advertisement appearing in today's *Globe and Mail*?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member would have to give me the page.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Watch out, Marc. Here it comes.

An hon. Member: Serve him!

Mrs. Appolloni: I hear the hon. member. The minister will be served.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Appolloni: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is addressed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. What action does the minister plan to take, in view of the racist overtones of this same advertisement.