

Oral Questions

whether he is now able to announce the details of the new programs, and if not, will he give us an assurance that he will do so when the House meets during the pipeline debate?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): I would recommend to the hon. member a careful reading of precisely what I said on that occasion. I did comment on the second phase of the winter works projects and the announcement of \$225 million for this particular winter on that particular project.

Mr. Orlikow: In the press release issued by Premier Schreyer last Friday he said that the Prime Minister had indicated to him that "job creation plans for the coming months were already close to completion". Did Premier Schreyer understand the Prime Minister correctly in his assumption that there are new programs, or is the minister saying that the only program which the government has considered to deal with unemployment is the release of the rest of the money for the Canada Works Program, as indicated?

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Mr. Cullen: No, Mr. Speaker, we indicated that we had a job experience training program with a summer component. We were looking to establish a winter component on that one, and we were looking to other programs with different mixes. We found that particular programs such as co-operative education might win some favour with the provinces, and we hope to work with them on that particular aspect. It is an on-going project at all times, and we want to improve on what is already a very splendid system.

Mr. Orlikow: Are hon. members of this House to understand that despite the fact that unemployment has been substantially higher in each month of this year compared with the same months last year, there is no money for any employment programs contemplated by the government except that which was allocated by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Manpower and Immigration for Canada Works and Young Canada Works?

Mr. Cullen: No matter what was said, I am sure that is what the hon. member would probably propagate across the country. However, I have indicated that we are constantly looking at our programs to monitor which ones work and which do not and to decide where more money can be put. That is what we propose to continue doing.

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[Translation]

CONFEDERATION

INQUIRY OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON TASK FORCE ON UNITY
PROPORTIONAL TO POPULATION OF EACH PROVINCE

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister.

Can the Prime Minister tell the House how many members will form the task force on national unity, and can he tell us at

[Mr. Orlikow.]

the same time if this number will be proportional to the population of each province?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we do not intend to have proportional representation. We want the task force to be composed of members from various groups and various regions.

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

Is it true that there will be only one representative from the province of Quebec, if ever one can be found, within this task force?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member had listened to my previous answer, he would understand that we do not intend to have one representative by province, no matter its population. We want Canadians concerned with the matter of national unity irrespective of the statistical problems which seem to bother the hon. member.

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[English]

SPORTS

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COACHING SCHOOL—REASON
FOR DELAY OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I would like to get back to the minister who is becoming known as the minister responsible for fatness and spectator sports—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Yewchuk: In view of the lack of an over-all policy dealing with fitness and amateur sport, and in view of the up-coming Olympics and the importance of developing athletes I would like to ask the minister a specific question. When her budget was discussed in the committee on March 29 the minister indicated that she would make an announcement by June 1 with respect to the establishment of a national coaching school. Six weeks have now gone by, and the minister has remained totally silent on this subject. I wonder if she can offer the House an explanation for her silence.

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, members of the opposition seem to want it both ways. They do not want me to give press conferences, but they do want me to make announcements.

An hon. Member: Make them in the House.

Mrs. Campagnolo: On the matter of athlete support in Canada—

Mr. Paproski: You mean athletic support.

Mrs. Campagnolo: Athlete support. I am quite sure the hon. member recalls the other kind.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!