

to give any consideration to this question. The land itself, except for a very small portion of it which is federal property, belongs to the city of Montreal. We cannot make any suggestions now about what we want to do with this city of Montreal land. If the city is prepared to dispose of it in some way, then we will consider the matter.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, since the question of Expo is brought up again, this morning I should like to put a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

Does he think that Quebec is in a good enough financial condition to take over the operations of Expo 67?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I doubt that the question as asked is in order.

[English]

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Prime Minister not agree that the grinding to a halt, under a long series of deficits, of Man and His World reflects accurately man and his world as exemplified by Canada at the present time, and the way we are living in Canada?

Mr. Benson: We are not finished by any means.

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Prime Minister.

When a problem occurred in Nova Scotia about the coal industry, the federal government invested \$30 million to assist 4,000 laid off employees. The federal government—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member must ask a question and not deliver a speech.

Mr. Fortin: Since the federal government, as I said a while ago, had then decided to take an emergency measure—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I must remind the hon. member that he must ask a question and not make a speech.

Mr. Fortin: Agreed, Mr. Speaker. Could the Prime Minister not take a similar attitude

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about "Man and His World" at the present time?

Mr. Trudeau: I fail to understand Mr. Speaker, how I can take a similar attitude about "Man and His World". The question does not make sense.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Lotbinière on a point of order.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, my question may not make sense, but it is very simple.

In the past, in cases of major problems, the federal government has helped by way of direct financial assistance and I wonder whether such an intervention would be possible for "Man and His World", and if the government will do something as it did before in Nova Scotia for the coal industry?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member does not raise a point of order, he repeats the same question. Perhaps the Prime Minister wishes to answer.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member refers to an intervention from the federal government; I presume he believes that the government should offer a subsidy. I would like to remind hon. members what they already know, that the federal government has made a substantial contribution for the success of Expo. In fact, I think the share of the Canadian people in Expo reached over \$140 million. If we were to renew those contributions, the hon. member would have to agree that we spend less money in his riding, in the Gaspé region, that we cut expenses for the international airport, etc.

We do not print money no matter what the hon. member thinks, and the point is to know whether the continuation of Expo has priority over all other government policies. If the hon. member suggests that we should stop a present undertaking in the province of Quebec, in order to help Expo, we shall think about it.

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

I should like to ask the Minister of Labour or his parliamentary secretary if the federal government intends to take special steps to assist the employees to be laid off due to the closing of "Man and His World"? That is a federal matter and the government will have to print money to extricate itself.