

medium and long-term policy. This will be done soon. I repeat, if the Hon. Member is suggesting some kind of co-operative approach to a difficult problem, then let this take place. If he is trying once again to put the spikes in Canadair—

Mr. Stevens: You have done that.

Mr. Trudeau: —as has been the effective use of the debates by some of his colleagues—

Mr. Andre: Jack Austin, Maurice Strong, are playing with billions of our dollars.

Mr. Trudeau: —then I suggest that he is doing it in the right way, but then he is contradicting the spirit of co-operation that his very Leader indicated to this House yesterday.

Some Hon. Members: Nonsense.

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FISHERIES

ROYAL BANK FORECLOSURE OF CASSIAR, B.C. PLANT—PLIGHT OF FISHERMEN

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. In view of the bankruptcy of Maislin and the treatment which the employees of that company received yesterday, in view of the same kind of treatment of employees in the fishing industry in British Columbia through Cassiar fishery where fishermen are only going to receive about 20 per cent of their income this year as a result of the Royal Bank foreclosing, and in view of the fact the Minister has had six weeks to review this situation, what attempts has he made up until now to see that fishermen are adequately compensated for their year's work?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I understand that the company and the receivers are considering a number of options to maintain operations. The fleet and the plants will continue to operate for the remainder of the salmon fishing season. I do not think it would be advisable for me, in an industry that is over-capitalized, as my friend knows, and as Dr. Pearse noted in his report on the Pacific fishery which shows that it is a very over-capitalized fishery, to intervene at this moment in this specific case.

GILLNET LICENCES

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Madam Speaker, I have another question for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. The Minister may be aware that one of the suggestions for a bail-out is that Cassiar's gillnet fleet may be sold to the Government. In view of the fact that the Minister has already rejected a buy-back program for individual fishermen, and in view of the fact that he has bailed out Pacific Packers and its gillnet fleet, would the Minister guarantee to this House that there will be no sale of licences for the gillnet fleet

until there has been a thorough review of the implications of the closure of that plant, and until he decides on a buy-back program for individual fishermen in British Columbia?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Madam Speaker, I will certainly give the commitment to my hon. friend that I will study his request.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

CANADAIR—REQUEST THAT STUDIES BE TABLED

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Yesterday the Leader of the Opposition made our generous offer, and it has been repeated again today, to take this whole matter of Canadair out of politics and put it in a special committee.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Blenkarn: The Prime Minister will know that there have been a number of studies made by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and by CDIC itself with respect to the viability of Canadair. Will the Prime Minister, in view of his co-operation and co-operative attitude, table those studies so they could be referred to a committee?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is suggesting that by putting this matter in the hands of a committee it will be taken out of politics. I cannot believe he is serious. I think we practise politics in this place. The last days have shown that they are particularly divisive when they have to do with the kinds of economic questions we are trying to solve with the Crow and with Canadair. They denote two different approaches by two Parties with different approaches to politics. That is precisely the case, Madam Speaker. Everybody knows it is the case and that it would be a mistake to throw the management, the surveillance, the report on operations of a Crown corporation, into a parliamentary committee. Crown corporations were created to remove them from politics.

Mr. Stevens: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: The suggestions we have been hearing, and the guffaw that we still hear today from Members of the Tory Party, are intended precisely to reintroduce politics into the management of Crown corporations. That is contrary to 100 years of tradition, not only in Canada but in most parliamentary systems.

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Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. He has had before him a report on Canadair dated January, 1982. There was a further report dated November, 1982. Both