

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have to remind hon. members that we shall be spending most of the day considering these very matters and I wonder whether we should take up too much of the question period by inquiring about individual projects under this very interesting program. The hon. member for Peace River seems intent on asking a supplementary question and he will be recognized for that purpose.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of clarification and possibly shortening the debate.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—GRANT TO PROJECT WHERE MARIJUANA ALLEGED TO BE GROWN**

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** I should like to ask the parliamentary secretary a question in respect of a statement he made in answer to a question I asked him last Monday regarding a project in British Columbia when he said that no funds have yet reached that project and the project is now suspended. Would the parliamentary secretary be prepared to complement that statement by saying that a cheque for half the amount was in fact sent out but that payment was stopped when the circumstances were discovered?

**Mr. James Hugh Faulkner (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the question, as I understood it, was whether the project had received any money and my answer was no. I would have wished that that part of the dialogue between the hon. member for Peace River and myself had appeared on the CBC national news last night.

**Mr. Speaker:** Again I suggest to hon. members that I am not at all sure whether the debate will be shortened by these questions. My impression is that it will continue until pretty close to six o'clock. In any event, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Brandon-Souris.

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary arises from the question asked by the hon. member for Peace River. Have all payments on legitimate projects under the Opportunities for Youth program been stopped till such time as the situation can be clarified, or have payments already been made?

**Mr. Faulkner:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to get the details but my understanding is that some initial cheques have gone out. The vast majority are now at the final stage of contractual signing and cheques will go out.

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**TRADE**

**DRIVE TO INCREASE EXPORTS AND PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the increase in exports during

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the first five months of this year is only 2.4 per cent over the same period a year ago, which is less than one quarter of the minimum rate of increase of at least 10 per cent that is necessary to enable Canadian industry to provide jobs for our expanding work force, is the government giving consideration to commencing a massive trade drive to bring our exports at least up to a level where we can start to decrease unemployment instead of continually increase it?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as former ministers of trade and commerce I know my hon. friend will agree that we only wish that we had been able to attain the tremendous records of recent years in regard to exports and trade surpluses.

**Mr. Hees:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister did not, of course, answer my question at all. What I asked him was: In view of the facts I have given, is the government or is it not considering a massive trade drive now?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Prince George-Peace River.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings on a point of order.

**Mr. Hees:** Is it your ruling, Mr. Speaker, that it is satisfactory for a minister to give us a completely erroneous answer or no answer at all? Have we not the right to ask the minister for an answer? I ask the minister to give me an answer now.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I think the records that have been recently established show how successful the government has been in promoting exports and that no such trade—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure the hon. member will realize that my ruling was that there is now debate which is being sponsored by both the minister and the hon. member. That is why I thought I should recognize the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River.

**Mr. Hees:** What I do recognize, Mr. Speaker, is that the present minister is driving a once good government department into the ground by his inactivity.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair recognizes the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River.

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**IMMIGRATION**

**DEPORTATION OF AMERICAN YOUTHS CONVICTED OF GROWING MARIJUANA NEAR PRINCE GEORGE**

**Mr. Robert Borrie (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I realize there is some confusion between Prince George-Peace River and Prince Edward-Hastings. I have