

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

sible for manpower and immigration. The other day the minister said he would check and advise whether or not the manpower department had sent out a circular advising manpower offices to curtail additional facilities—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder whether this should be considered as a supplementary question. Perhaps the hon. member might ask that as a separate question. I will come to him in a few moments. I believe the hon. member for St. John's East wishes to ask a supplementary.

**Mr. McGrath:** Does the government have in effect at the present time a program designed to stimulate employment by pumping additional funds into public works in Canada, and is this program known as the special economic stimulation program?

**Mr. Benson:** Mr. Speaker, it is not known by that name to me. We certainly have a program which I mentioned last week under which we are putting additional moneys into public works.

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**HOUSING****INCENTIVE BONUS FOR WINTER CONSTRUCTION**

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, may I address a supplementary question to the minister in charge of housing. In view of the increasingly gloomy picture house builders are facing regarding sales this winter, is the minister planning, together with the Minister of Labour, to reintroduce a monetary form of incentive bonus for winter house construction, thereby giving an incentive to builders, realtors and buyers?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Alexander:** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Hon. members are trying, I suggest, to ask supplementary questions which do not really relate to the original question asked. I think these questions ought to be asked in due course as separate questions.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—CANADIAN POSITION ON  
ADMISSION TO UNITED NATIONS—APPOINTMENT  
OF AMBASSADOR**

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. It has to do with a matter that will come before the United Nations shortly, namely, a resolution to the effect that Communist China shall be admitted to the United Nations. Does the government of Canada intend to follow the course it has followed in the past, that such a resolu-

[Mr. Hales.]

tion constitutes an important question and thereby requires more than a bare majority for acceptance?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs dealt with this question last week.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** May I ask the Prime Minister, then, whether there is any basis for the suggestion that the government is giving consideration to or has already decided that Professor Paul Lin will be appointed ambassador to Red China, as he is a Canadian-born Chinese who visits Red China and who, when writing about "our country," refers to Communist China?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, several times in the past year or two the right hon. member has been concerned about this friend of his, Paul Lin.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** He is the Prime Minister's friend, not mine.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I can assure the right hon. gentleman that we do not name ambassadors on a patronage basis, even if recommended by the right hon. gentleman.

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

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, when this government makes appointments one can be assured that they are patronage appointments.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder whether the right hon. gentleman has a supplementary question.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I asked whether or not Lin, who has made it plain that he is a revolutionary, is being considered for appointment. That was a simple question. When it comes to friendship, the association between the Prime Minister and this man in the past has been such that I am surprised—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I know the right hon. gentleman has said this a few times. I assure him, of course, that I do not know Paul Lin and that I never met him. I should like the right hon. member to state to me, on my question of privilege, where he got this information and why he thinks Mr. Lin is a friend of mine—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Trudeau:** —or is he just interested in telling lies to the House?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Edmonton West.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Is it a lie or not?