

S. O. 21

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): It being two o'clock p.m. the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 21.

• (1400)

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

JOB REDUCTIONS IN CAPE BRETON

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, once again CN has struck in Cape Breton. It has abandoned another three jobs, put other workers on pre-retirement leave, and has said that these jobs it has abandoned are not necessary.

When one questions the Government it says that CN is making the decision and, as a Crown corporation, must be right that the jobs are excess. However, that is not the case.

CN is deliberately misrepresenting the situation in Cape Breton and the Government is supporting it. Two labourers and a clerk will be laid off. One of the labourers is 50 years of age, with 24 years of experience and seniority in his particular bargaining unit. This Crown corporation is getting rid of people who, at this particular time, need funds for their mortgages and families. Yet this is allowed to continue time after time.

When will the Government begin realizing that the people in this country are important and that Crown corporations owe these people at least the right to have security in the community in which they have spent so much of their lives?

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CALL FOR REFORM OF PENAL SYSTEM

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, early this morning in a free vote Members of Parliament voted against the reinstatement of capital punishment by a count of 148 to 127. Parliament has spoken. However, the majority of Canadians—certainly the majority of the constituents in my riding of Edmonton East—ask for capital punishment. What now, Mr. Speaker? Life must go on.

People are asking for protection. People are asking for justice and for fairness in the judicial system. Violent crimes should no longer be the norm, the law should work in favour of law-abiding citizens, not the criminal.

It is imperative that we turn our attention to the reform of the penal system. We must devote all of our energies to

ensuring that Canadians are provided a safe living environment and that the parole system is reassessed, that a life sentence means just that, and murderers are not permitted back on the streets to kill again.

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EXTERNAL AID

CANADIAN'S CRUSADE TO ENSURE CLEAN WATER IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Canada Day tomorrow, we think of features of Canadian life most of us take for granted. These include things such as safe drinking water, customary in Canada, but the exception in the Third World.

Michael Lubbock is an 81-year-old Canadian who wants to change this. Through his non-profit organization, Watercan, Lubbock crusades to bring clean water to the Third World.

Contaminated water is the cause of many diseases, including diarrhea which is the number one child killer. Lubbock began raising money for Watercan by asking municipalities to send out with their water bill an informative brochure and appeal for funds. Mayor John Savage of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, adopted the idea. By last April, Dartmouth residents had donated more than \$5,000 to Watercan. Given this success, CIDA provided Lubbock with \$50,000 in operating funds and agreed to match future contributions two for one.

The first development agency to tackle projects funded through Watercan will be CUSO in Zambia, Ghana, and Nigeria.

I commend Michael Lubbock for his initiative, and Mayor John Savage of Dartmouth for his vision and action. I hope other communities in Canada will follow their lead so that people everywhere can enjoy clean water.

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[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

NEED TO IMPROVE RULES GOVERNING PAROLE

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, those who are against the restoration of capital punishment celebrated a great victory yesterday. Unfortunately nothing has been done to allay the apprehension of all those who wanted measures to reduce crime, all those who wanted convicted murderers to be really punished.

Mr. Speaker, I would now urge all Hon. Members who voted against the reinstatement of the death penalty to bring pressure to bear on this Government so that as soon as the session resumes in September it will introduce legislation to