INQUIRY AS TO DECISION ON CONTAINER PIER FOR MONTREAL

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Is the government about to announce that it has decided to support the expansion of a new public container facility for the port of Montreal, and other related works, to the extent of approximately \$85 million? Can the minister now tell the House whether that decision has been taken and will be publicly announced in the next few days?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, that decision has not been taken. Our analysis, that is the Department of Transport with the National Harbours Board, does agree that the need for the facility is now becoming timely. There is a time for it. The consideration of the government involves other things, including our total financial position at this time to do a variety of things that we would like to do. Therefore, the issue is still under consideration.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, is the miniser indicating to the House that the government has not decided to fund, up to approximately \$85 million, the cost of developing and upgrading the contained facilities for the port of Montreal, together with some other related work? Is that what the minister is telling us?

Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is what I am saying. As I indicated to the hon. member for Halifax earlier, both of these matters are under consideration.

INDUSTRY

SUGGESTION HIGHER PROPORTION OF RAW MATERIALS BE PROCESSED AND TAX INCENTIVES TO INDUCE CONSTRUCTION OF PLANTS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Because of the great need for producing more jobs in this country, and since one of the best ways of doing this is to process a far higher proportion of our raw materials to their finished state in this country, will the government give serious consideration to requiring those who export our raw materials to process a far higher proportion here in this country, and to also make available generous tax incentives, in addition to the DREE grants which have proved to be inadequate, to induce the construction of the additional factories which will be needed?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would remind the hon. member that we have made a clear statement of policy to that effect. We were encouraging as much processing to be done in this country as possible. As the Minister of Finance reminded the hon. leader of the New Democratic Party a few moments ago, we have given tax incentives for investment in Canada in order for these processing operations to be established in Canada with the hope that it would create more jobs.

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I have explained this so often to the hon. member that I am convinced that he does not have a clear grasp of the facts. I wish he would read some of my previous answers which reflect on this, and perhaps he will understand a little bit of what is involved.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I have gone through the intense boredom of reading the Prime Minister's answers, and there has been nothing forthcoming regarding the answer I want today. Does he not realize the tax incentives offered in the past—the DREE grants and the rest—have not done the job and will not do the job? Is the Prime Minister not familiar with the fact that many countries require those that export their raw materials to process a far higher proportion of their raw materials to their finished state than we do in Canada?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I am coming to the question. If the Prime Minister has got that through his thick head, will he get on with the job, instead of playing the fool in this chamber?

MANPOWER

CANADA WESTINGHOUSE ADVERTISING IN BRITAIN FOR WORKERS—INQUIRY AS TO AUTHORIZATION—ADEQUACY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. In view of the present unemployment rate in Canada, which is indicated to be one million Canadians unemployed, would the minister explain how Canada Westinghouse is authorized to advertise for workers in British newspapers, and whether or not those applications have Canada Manpower approval?

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Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, being a member of the Conservative Party and a strong supporter of business, I doubt if the hon. member would want us to interfere and tell that company not to advertise.

An hon. Member: That is a cheap shot.

Mr. Cullen: However, I can say that this does not have the backing of Manpower, and anyone that company would attempt to bring in under those circumstances would have to have skills Canadians do not have. Otherwise, they just would not be allowed into the country. They can spend all the money they want on advertising.

Mr. Epp: The cheap shot of the minister does not need any rebuttal. The point is that we are dealing with people's lives, and one million Canadians are looking for work. Why is it we are authorizing these advertisements in foreign newspapers for skilled tradesmen and turbine fitters when we are spending a