

*S.O. 21***INDUSTRY**

FUTURE OF SYDNEY STEEL CORPORATION

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the Government's inaction on the future of the Sydney Steel Corporation. While the future of Sysco and the city of Sydney and the surrounding municipalities hangs in the balance, the Conservative Government drags its feet. This Government assured the people of Cape Breton that Sysco's future was not in doubt. But we all know now that Sysco's future is very much in doubt and the Government does nothing.

The Government of Canada, as the sole shareholder of Canadian National, could have ordered the railway to increase its orders of steel rail from Sysco and provide this mill with a long-term contract. As we all know, the Government has ignored its responsibility to the employees of Sysco, to the people of Sydney and the surrounding areas, and it has chosen to do absolutely nothing.

The Government has dragged its feet too long on assuring the second phase of the Sysco modernization program. It has failed to direct CN to live up to its responsibility as a federal Crown corporation to assist regional development. The people of Cape Breton will not soon forget the hollow Tory commitments on regional development.

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PEACE

PARLIAMENTARIANS GLOBAL ACTION—FIVE CONTINENT PEACE INITIATIVE

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, along with some of my House colleagues I recently participated in a parliamentary forum at the United Nations sponsored by Parliamentarians Global Action. This unique, non-partisan group of over 600 parliamentarians from 35 countries on all continents, has an unprecedented track record.

No NGO has ever been able to mobilize so quickly and so successfully the leaders of six nations, Mexico, Sweden, India, Greece, Tanzania, and Argentina, into the powerful force called "The Five Continent Peace Initiative" that now shapes public opinion on the need to focus more on disarmament and development in the world.

Professor J. K. Galbraith's plea that we bring the world military power into full, candid, and open discussion by focusing on arms buyers as well as arms sellers was echoed by Peru's Prime Minister and Vice-President, Dr. Luis Castro. Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament, Doug Roche, in an October 16 speech to the UN General Assembly, stated:

The current levels and trends in global military expenditures stand in sombre contrast to the state of the world economy.

I call on all parliamentarians and the Government to assist in the vital search for a solution to end the arms build-up.

God help us all if we fail!

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FAIR TREATMENT URGED

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, at the First Ministers' Conference, and at a fund-raising affair in Calgary the other night, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) criticized the Premier of Manitoba and defended the indefensible decision to give the CF-18 contract to Montreal on the grounds that Manitoba had a low rate of unemployment.

If the Prime Minister applied that principle to other areas of Canada, northern Ontario could forget about getting any assistance because Toronto has a low rate of unemployment; rural Nova Scotia could forget about getting any Government assistance because Halifax has a low rate of assistance; and northern Saskatchewan and northern Manitoba would be in a similar situation because their cities have a low rate of unemployment. It is time for the Prime Minister to stop playing pork-barrel politics and treat all parts of Canada fairly.

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SPORTS

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE—GREY CUP FINALISTS—MEMBERS' WAGER

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I realize that it is against the Standing Orders to congratulate, so I will not congratulate the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.

As I predicted last week, I have forced the Member for York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata) to eat his words, and to eat his bet. I wish to inform you, Mr. Speaker, that I have just sealed a deal today with the Member for Edmonton North, the former great football player—albeit for the wrong team—and I trust that I may break the Standing Orders and use his name—Mr. Steve Paproski. We have it on the line that Hamilton is going to take Edmonton this weekend. The Grey Cup convention will be the highlight of a fantastic weekend for the Liberals and for Canada.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!