

Canadian organizations with whom we had a very good exchange of view. Although they obviously thought more money could be spent, they acknowledged that it was quite reasonable of the Government, considering all the financial restrictions it must cope with, to allocate nearly \$13 million to defend the rights of women. And we intend to continue to do so, but I repeat, always in terms of the resources available to us.

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DEREGULATION

AIR SAFETY—HIRING OF ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Will the Minister finally admit that deregulation diminishes air safety, as experience has shown in the United States? And why did the Minister fail to obtain an authorization from Treasury Board to hire an additional 250 or 300 inspectors to do a good job?

[English]

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, just the other day I announced further funding for the upgrading of airport security in this nation. That provides for additional person years as well as enhanced equipment, enhanced research and development, and a whole series of initiatives which will improve airport security. I am sure the Hon. Member recognizes that both safety and security have improved immensely since we have taken over as the Government.

Mr. Ouellet: The Minister's answer so far has been very timid.

AIR SAFETY

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, there have been no additional inspectors and I think the Minister's attitude has to change. Does he realize that Canadians are not prepared to sacrifice air safety just for a few dollars in savings? Is he prepared not to implement Bill C-126 which he introduced yesterday before his Department has hired the additional inspectors needed to do the job?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, neither are we prepared to sacrifice safety, nor shall we.

Oral Questions

CHALLENGE '86

JOB RE-ENTRY PROGRAM—TRAINING OF SECURITY GUARDS AT GAINERS PLANT IN EDMONTON

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. The Minister knows that her Department has historically claimed that it refuses to become involved in labour disputes. For example, this refusal means that strikers do not get unemployment insurance.

Does the practice of non-interference by her Department still exist, since the Minister is now giving taxpayers' money for on-the-job training of security guards at her old friend Peter Pocklington's Gainer plant in Edmonton?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, this is a training project for unemployed women in a non-traditional field. These women had been in the project long before the strike began. They are not scabs, as the Member called them yesterday. They are there to get training. We are interested in the training.

Mr. Blackburn (Brant): It is morally wrong and you know it.

Miss MacDonald: I will continue to monitor this program to see that the training continues to be adequate.

LOCATION OF TRAINING

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, is the Minister not aware that there are dozens of establishments in Edmonton that use security guards and that this kind of on-the-job training could take place at one of those establishments instead of with her ideological twin, Peter Pocklington?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I do not quite know who my twins are, I have not looked this morning to see who else looks like me. At least I do not look like the Hon. Member.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Miss MacDonald: I notice that the Hon. Member did not raise this question when this training was taking place some weeks ago. I assure him that I am interested in the quality of the training. If there is anything about that environment that deteriorates or is not conducive to training, I will see that changes are made.

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TRANSPORT

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FACTOR

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. He will know that last August, in St. John's, Newfoundland,