

over so many weeks. In any event, I will make representations this afternoon to the Unemployment Insurance Commission on this problem.

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#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### USE OF SUFFIELD MILITARY RESERVE BY BRITISH ARMY—SUBMISSION OF AGREEMENT TO COMMITTEE

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Before doing so, may I take this opportunity to welcome him back after his foray on the weekend into certain ridings in Ontario which was made to promote the interests of those who will be running as Liberal candidates in the next election—

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

**Mr. Hees:** —and made possible by the use of several military aircraft—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Hees:** —at considerable cost to the taxpayers.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member was recognized for the purpose of asking a question. He has attempted to make a speech. That is not the purpose of the question period.

**Mr. Hees:** I was trying to be polite and welcome back the Prime Minister and cheer him up. He looks a little disconsolate because of the reception he received there. Is it the intention of the government to accede to the request of the National and Provincial Parks Association, in a recent letter to the Prime Minister, that the agreement which was signed recently by the Canadian and British governments for the use of Suffield military reserve in Alberta by the British army be submitted to the appropriate committee of Parliament for study and recommendation? Does the government intend to accede to that request?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not remember reading such a letter. It may have been addressed to another minister. I will look into the matter and see if an answer has been given.

**Mr. Hees:** I will send it across to the Prime Minister.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We will return to the supplementaries that were interrupted a few moments ago.

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#### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

##### EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT OF POSSIBLE RETURN TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** My question is for the Prime Minister. In light of the apprehension of the Minister of Finance disclosed yesterday that thousands upon thousands of Canadian jobs will be lost if American subsidiaries in Canada were called back to the United

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States by American parent companies, can the Prime Minister tell us whether the government intends to take action now in light of the apprehension of the Minister of Finance, perhaps in the same way it took action in another case of apprehension?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, this is really the same question in another form. I have repeatedly told the House that the government is studying contingency plans in the eventuality that this particular action of the government was not enough, but I am not in a position to announce what we would do if these events developed as apprehended.

##### PROPOSED UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM—CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO GROUP OF TEN RESPECTING CO-ORDINATED REPRESENTATIONS TO IMF

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** In order to try to clarify the position of the government and without playing any cat and mouse game, is it fair to assume from the answers of the Prime Minister today that as part of the contingency plans the Minister of Finance has a firm proposal he is trying to develop before the Group of Ten so that these countries can react if the DISC proposal becomes law in the United States, especially in view of the fact that the Group of Ten is meeting just a week before the IMF meeting which will determine the whole state of the currency and imbalance-balance problem of the United States and the world?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Generally speaking, I suppose it is fair to assume that. I can say that the Minister of Finance is going to the meeting of the Group of Ten with specific things he wants to say to all the other members at that meeting. In that sense we are making specific proposals, but we do not guarantee anything as to the way in which they will be received or as to what will be done by the other members of the Group of Ten, of course. For that reason we see no advantage in being more precise about the type of thing the Minister of Finance is going to be saying in Europe.

##### PROPOSED UNITED STATES DISC PROGRAM—MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING SAFEGUARDS UNDER AUTOMOTIVE AGREEMENT

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Following the unclear answer by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce last week and the announcement over the weekend of the introduction again of the DISC proposal before the American congress, will the Prime Minister now assure the House that in any subsequent or continuing negotiations with the Americans the Canadian government will insist on the maintenance of the existing safeguards in the Canada-United States automotive agreement?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I really do not have anything to add to what the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who is responsible for the application of this act, said to the House last week.