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inhumane attitude which places the claimant in danger or possible death by forcing their return to their native country while the court decides. By the time it does, it could possibly be too little, too late. Is this the spirit of our justice system? I think not. In addition, there is considerable doubt as to whether this deportation order is constitutional and whether it violates Section 7 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which safeguards the security of the individual.

The fifth and final major flaw of this legislation, which I have touched upon previously, is with regard to Canada's international obligations and its respected leadership under Liberal Governments in dealing with the plight of refugees.

By constructing a new refugee determination system founded on a pre-screening stage and on the concept of a third safe country, the Conservative Government, on behalf of our country, is throwing in the white towel and sending a very wrong and dangerous signal to the rest of the world. All countries will move the clock back and justify that, in part, by pointing to Canada. They will adopt the attitude that "if Canada can do it, we can do it", or "if Canada did it, it must be right".

Clearly, if the Conservative Government is serious about facilitating an effective international solution to the refugee dilemma around the world, as were past Governments; if it is serious about protecting Canada from increased fraudulent claims, as were past Governments, then it is incumbent upon the Tory administration to avoid any regressive action which would incite that very mentality.

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The Government must therefore resist putting in place a rigid and limited arrangement that would only trigger a crumbling domino reaction around the globe. I regret to say, however, that with its recent legislation the Government has done precisely that.

We have witnessed in various bilateral dealings a Government that has been wimpish with some of the stronger nations of the world. The lumber deal with the United States and the fish deal with France come to mind.

It is regrettable that, in order to prove its macho image, the Government had to pick a fight with refugees; people who are nationless, who are suffering, who are facing torture and seeking refuge and a home. In my opinion and that of my Party, that is not the sign of a compassionate country. It is not the sign of a progressive country or the sign of a courageous country.

We as a society cannot right every wrong, make perfect all the imperfections of the world. But neither can we sit content and idle, and diet while others starve, buy millions of new cars every year while most people of the world go without shoes, purchase and build larger and more expensive homes while other fellow human beings lack basic shelter.

Our problems, having grown to the size of the world, no longer seem our own. Each day we are required to respond to a

new crisis, created by people whose names we cannot pronounce, in lands of which we have never heard. Yet most Canadians, I believe, share broad and deep hopes for the world. Their hopes are of a world without war, of a world where peoples now suffering in poverty, persecution and oppression can win a better life for themselves and their children. It is hope of a world where the energies of mankind are dedicated, not to destruction but to building a generous and spacious future for one and all.

In reference to the plight of refugees, while we in the international community have not solved the problem, we are and must be firmly committed to finding solutions. More important, Canada has struggled to finally turn away from those whose hearts are frozen, from those who feel that the poor and oppressed are evil, and from those who feel that every man and woman should fend for himself or herself.

As a Government, as a Parliament, and as a country, let us not repudiate our past, let us not repudiate our heritage, let us not repudiate the tradition we have enjoyed and which has been so well recognized and acknowledged by the international community. Let us not be indifferent to the future by paralyzing the progressive development of our refugee and immigration policies. Let us dare to care, so that the next generation will harvest the fruits of our work and the world can be made better by our compassion.

We serve notice today to the Minister and the Government that this Party will fight for that type of Canada and that type of society.

**Mrs. Browes:** Mr. Speaker, the legislation that was introduced recently certainly has streamlined the system and has given an opportunity for a fair and quick response to refugees as they come to our borders and airports in Canada.

The Hon. Member particularly referred to the initial hearing with the adjudicator and the member of the advisory board. I was rather surprised that he would be so critical of those adjudicators in the Public Service who conduct the initial hearing. I am sorry that the Member for York West (Mr. Marchi) has no faith in the excellent personnel who work in the Immigration Department and have been serving this country abroad and in Canada so admirably in the processing of refugees.

How does the Hon. Member's proposed scheme overcome the current difficulties? What would he streamline or eliminate to make the process work better? Does he believe that he can simply achieve efficiency by saying the system will be efficient? I suggest that his comments were very deficient. How does he propose to deter the abuse that is so obvious in the system today?

Will he answer those very important questions in relation to his comments that I thought did not deal with the issue of trying to make a refugee policy efficient and fair, as I believe the proposed legislation will be?