

S.O. 43

PENITENTIARIES

HOSTAGE INCIDENT AT STONY MOUNTAIN

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Madam Speaker, the recent tragedy at Archambault Penitentiary in which three prison guards lost their lives should have been enough to convince the government that security within federal penitentiaries is inadequate to ensure the safety of all who work in them. The hostage incident now under way at Stony Mountain Penitentiary north of Winnipeg reveals once again the dangers endured by prison staff as the direct result of manpower shortages and serious inmate overcrowding. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That a full and complete investigation be undertaken of the Stony Mountain hostage incident and that every possible action be taken to ensure that the conditions which encourage such incidents will be rectified.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, the Liberal Government through takeovers, excessive taxation, abnormal waste, high deficits, inflationary policies and high interest rates, has caused thousands of businesses, including farms, to go bankrupt with the resulting loss of thousands of jobs, and has caused hundreds to leave the country with their capital and expertise while others have refused to invest while a government riddled with socialistic tendencies was in power. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Calgary North (Mr. Wright):

That it is useless for the Right Hon. Prime Minister to beg free enterprisers now to pull him out of the socialistic abyss in which his Government has placed the country, and he should, therefore, forthwith resign.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED

LAY-OFFS INVOLVING CANADIAN NATIONALS

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, with the critically high unemployment in Canada, it comes as a major disappointment to find Canadians being laid off from Atomic Energy of Canada while, at the same time,

foreigners here on work visas at that Crown corporation are being kept on. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. Scott):

That this House direct the Minister of Employment and Immigration to carry out an investigation into the employment policies of Atomic Energy of Canada with a view to assuring qualified Canadians that they will be given the jobs, and not foreigners in Canada on work visas.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to state that there can be no doubt in the minds of the Members on either side of this House that the issue most nearly affecting the economic and, more important, the moral health of our country is confidence; confidence in our leaders and in their capability, reliability and, to use an unfashionable word, their honour.

In view of the fact that on Thursday, October 21, the Prime Minister spoke to the people of the need to hold the line on costs and used as an example of government restraint that postal rates had not risen—despite the fact that they had gone up some 76 per cent the year before—and that the decision to raise them another two cents had already been made, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That this House tell the Prime Minister that it regards his word as valueless and his honour non-existent.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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COMMUNICATIONS

CALL FOR TABLING OF WHITE PAPER

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, over the past year the Minister of Communications has allowed a haphazard, mish-mash of rulings on the reception of satellite TV signals by communications "dishes". Some rulings are discriminatory and are being applied only selectively across the country.

This morning Senator Keith Davey was quoted as predicting that content regulations on Canadian TV might soon be a