

his somewhat intemperate and certainly impudent lack of respect for their good judgment?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I would not question the Hon. Member's status as an authority on impudence.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** I will take no such action, because no one was so maligned.

**Mr. Deans:** I studied impudence by watching the former Prime Minister who once thought that he had a majority.

#### GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, given the guidelines that were set out today, how does the Secretary of State anticipate that senior diplomatic officials abroad will be able to carry on their day-to-day functions which, out of necessity, require that they discuss not only the policy that is now in place but also how they anticipate policy will be developed? The guidelines set out today state quite clearly that public servants shall not speculate about policy deliberation or future policy discussion. How can they exercise their function abroad, given these guidelines?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, that has been in the guidelines of Canada for at least the last five years.

**Mr. Deans:** That is true, but they were never forced in this way.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** Canadian representatives abroad have been able to carry out their responsibilities with effectiveness in the past, as they will be in the future.

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[Translation]

#### MERCHANT MARINE

##### REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport.

The people in my constituency and many others are eager to learn the intentions of the government with respect to the progressive establishment of a merchant marine in Canada.

I know that the matter was referred to a committee set up last May. If the government would rather wait for the report of that committee, will it, in the meantime, at least make a policy statement which would be a step towards a real maritime policy in Canada, especially concerning coasting vessels and those sailing under a convenience flag?

#### Oral Questions

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of State (Transport)):** Mr. Speaker, a committee on the merchant marine was indeed set up last year. Its terms of reference were extended to April 1985. We will of course wait for its recommendations before considering any future policy. I think that we will then evaluate the conclusions of the report and act accordingly.

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#### EMPLOYMENT

##### REASON FOR TERMINATING INDUSTRIAL MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAM

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri-Westmount):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

She has just cancelled the Canada Manpower Industrial Training Program, which provided financial assistance to employers willing to meet the training needs of their employees. Nothing is more important during this critical period, especially for young people and women. I would therefore like to know why the Minister chose to cancel this program, on what criteria she based her decision, and even more difficult to understand perhaps, why she decided at the same time to cancel the Summer Youth Employment Program.

[English]

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I may say that an analysis of that program showed that it was not working effectively. I wish the former Government had taken a hard look at it. It was not working effectively because it was not leading to permanent jobs. Too often it was offering short term subsidies only to businesses, and was not reaching its desired goals. Therefore, we have undertaken a whole new approach to training which will lead from school, to work, and into permanent jobs. Let me also say that one of my concerns about that training program was that fewer than 25 per cent of the training places were allocated to women.

##### STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri-Westmount):** Mr. Speaker, that is good rhetoric when we talk of permanent jobs, but one program about which I asked the Minister was the summer program for students. During this critical period students depend upon summer employment to finance their educational costs. This program is being terminated—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Johnston:** —with no replacement. Why did she do that?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The question came after I rose. Perhaps the Hon. Member would like to put his question now.

**Mr. Johnston:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I missed that.