

Oral Questions

As for Newfoundland, let me just reiterate that there will be \$15 million more going into Newfoundland as a result of this program than would have been going in otherwise, including a \$50 million enhancement of the Community Futures Program. There will be resources for entry level skills training. There will be \$350 million for non-apprentice trainees. There will be an additional \$50 million for the provision of training and work experience to social assistance recipients. There is a \$100 million towards new services for displaced older workers. There is \$45 million self-employment entrepreneurship in the building programs.

Some Hon. Members: Order, order!

Mrs. McDougall: Perhaps the Hon. Member would like to hear some more, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTED FUTURE JOBS

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): I direct a supplementary to the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. According to a planning document prepared by the Minister's Strategic Policy and Planning Division, published in August, 1988, the top 10 occupations facing the greatest job growth in the next six years include sales persons, food serving occupations, cashiers, janitors and cleaners. The document goes on to say that "by and large low to medium skill levels characterize these occupations with most requiring little or no post-secondary education or training." Does not the document from the Minister's own Department reveal what a farce those changes are? Aren't they simply designed to trample workers into low paying jobs, or in Joey Smallwood's words, resettle them in Toronto?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think that one of the things that the Hon. Member must take into account is that the kind of training that we are providing for people is to get them out of low paying unskilled jobs into better jobs. If the Hon. Member would just raise his sights and help the people in his community take advantage of the program to get them out of low paying jobs, and particularly the women of his riding, then I think that they would all be better off. We are prepared to help them on this side of the House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LEBANON—REQUEST FOR UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY DEBATE

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It pertains to the serious situation in Lebanon.

Yesterday Lebanon experienced its worst bombing in 14 years. The latest outbreaks of violence have claimed hundreds of lives, and countless casualties. Our Party has always said that violence and aggression are not the route to national reconciliation. The situation has intensified and is growing worse each hour.

Is the Secretary of State prepared to exercise Canada's right as a member, both of the UN and the Security Council, and call for an emergency debate in the Security Council regarding this crisis?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the great seriousness with which the Hon. Member and all Members of the House take the situation in Lebanon. His question was precise as to whether we would be prepared to exercise our rights. In the appropriate circumstances we would, of course, be prepared to do that.

I think one of the elements of this tragedy that is of concern to us all is that this is not a matter that debate will resolve. It is very important that there be diplomatic pressures and such others as may apply, upon the Arab League or others who may have influence in Lebanon. We are following all of those examples.

I give the Hon. Member my assurance that if the point arrived where we thought it would be helpful for there to be the kind of debate that he has recommended, we would certainly initiate that debate.

ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): My supplementary is to the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. The people of Lebanon are crying out for help. It has taken two months and a special appeal from the Red Cross of Canada to offer any kind of help to that country. While we applaud this gesture, though late in coming, I ask the Minister what immediate steps is the Government undertaking to ensure increased assistance is made available to the refugees who are fleeing Lebanon to neighbouring countries?