

Oral Questions

rumours about other people. Mr. Reisman never made such a statement.

I have already replied fully to another Member who asked a question about this. I shall examine the transcript closely and report to the House afterwards. However, I believe that it is important for us to deny vigorously such allegations as that just made by the Hon. Member.

In reply to the second part of his question, I would simply repeat to the Hon. Member what the Liberal Government led by the Hon. Robert Bourassa said as recently as yesterday and the day before, namely that the free trade agreement would have very beneficial effects for Quebec and Canada and that everyone, starting with the responsible leaders of this country, should support Quebec in this initiative.

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT REQUEST MR. REISMAN TO
APOLOGIZE

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister—I am not sure he can even understand himself—has just said that what I said is false, but he added that he will read the transcript because he is not sure what Mr. Reisman did say. I think he is rather confused. Once you are in a position to read the transcript and learn what Mr. Reisman said, the way he treats those who do not share his views, when you find out that he said twice what you do not know he has said, all this time thinking that what I am saying is not correct, but when you discover that what he said is not fair to Canadians, are you going to ask him to apologize to all Canadians and Quebecers who do not think as he does, and to admit that Canadians who are trying to protect jobs are just as good Canadians as Mr. Reisman?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): True, Mr. Speaker, I did not read the transcript. But I know full well that Mr. Reisman did not say that those who do not think as he does are liars and Nazis.

So I would ask the Hon. Member either to produce the transcript showing that Mr. Reisman said these very words or to apologize to all Hon. Members and to Ambassador Reisman not only for misleading the House but also for repeating a lie concerning a public servant.

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[English]

EMPLOYMENT

JOB DEVELOPMENT FUNDS—REALLOCATION QUERY

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Right Hon. Prime Minister. I have in my hands notes prepared for the national caucus of the Progressive Conservatives, as well as the Quebec caucus, indicating an announcement to Tory Members of a

reallocation of job development funds, an announcement which evidently is not being made to all Members of Parliament.

My question to the Prime Minister is a simple one. Is this another example of Tory patronage in preparation for an election?

Mr. Mulroney: Did you get those from Toupin?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure where the Hon. Member got the documents to which he referred. However, if there are any announcements in respect of job strategy or job programs, they will be made in the usual manner.

ELECTION POSSIBILITY QUERIED

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, these notes are not prepared as a presentation to the House of Commons, nor to the public at large, but to the Quebec caucus and the national caucus of the Conservative Party. We have the numbers.

Are we looking now toward an election pretty soon? Is this a repeat of the 1984 Special Employment Transition Program under which the Liberal Government created first-class unemployed and second-class unemployed? Is this a new Tory slush fund?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I know that the Hon. Member would like to receive notes with respect to his own Quebec caucus. Unfortunately that was demolished in the last week or so, so he should not be so jealous.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CALGARY WINTER OLYMPICS—TELEVISION IN FRENCH
OUTSIDE QUEBEC—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Nearly one million francophones outside Quebec will be denied the right to watch the televised reports of the Calgary Winter Olympic Games, yet these same Canadian men and women will have to pay their share of the \$200 million earmarked by the federal Government for financing the games.

Can the Prime Minister explain how he intends to maintain equity and cultural identity in this country when we have shameful evidence of discrimination towards almost one million Canadians? How can this Government behave so