

should be taken at the expense of the freedom and the future of the people of East Pakistan.

• (2:20 p.m.)

May I also say a word which I imagine is unnecessary but which I feel ought to be put on record. This war ought in no way to interfere with the assistance given, and which must be continued, to India to deal with the eight to ten million East Pakistani refugees now in India who require succour and aid. I am sure the Secretary of State for External Affairs will agree that Canada will in no way reduce its determination to continue its assistance to the refugees, and I hope our influence will be used so that other countries in the world will not cease or reduce their aid.

All of us in this House hope that some solution may be found to this war, perhaps a temporary ceasefire to be followed by a political solution that will recognize the rights and the freedom of the people of East Pakistan and, indeed, of West Pakistan as well, and that the military junta, to use a South American term for an Asiatic government, that now seeks to control all Pakistan will be dispossessed of its power by the free democratic process of the Pakistani people.

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, we were aghast at hearing, over the past few days, the news concerning the war between India and Pakistan. I believe few Canadians have any hope of immediate settlement of that war, at least so long as the issue remains in the hands of the Security Council.

Last night again, I was listening to news on television coming to us from New York, where the aristocracy of the world boldly plays politics on the occasion of such serious conflicts as the one opposing India and Pakistan. So long as powers like Communist China and Russia will be providing the two parties involved with arms, there is little hope that peace may be restored in that part of the world. Furthermore, so long as wars will supply major markets for arms manufacturers, notwithstanding the United States, embargo on shipments of arms to India, nations will lie at the mercy of warfaring countries. It is an open secret, Mr. Speaker, that major international arms manufacturers need no permission for their arms.

I believe the government and the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) share our pessimism judging by the very important security measures that have been taken in order to ensure the evacuation of Canadians living in that part of the world.

Mr. Speaker, when such conflicts arise we should let the countries concerned, in this case Pakistan, settle them. The world would then be better off.

Questions

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,755—**Mr. McQuaid:**

How many people working for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development were transferred or have left the Department or the Public Service in the past two years?

Mr. Judd Buchanan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Approximately 3,000 people per year. The above figure includes casuals and employees who have transferred to the North-west Territories Government.

INCENTIVE GRANT TO CHOICELAND DEHYDRATES LTD., SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 1,781—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Was an industrial incentive grant awarded to Choiceland Dehydrates Ltd. of Saskatchewan and, if so, what amount was awarded?

2. What were the dates of application to and approval by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?

3. Was an extension for the grant requested and, if so, for what reason?

4. What was the date of the application for an extension?

5. On what date was approval of the extension granted?

6. Who are the principal shareholders and directors of this company?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Yes, an offer of \$85,000 was made and accepted.

2. (a) December 29, 1969; (b) April 9, 1970.

3. Yes an extension was requested because of unforeseen delays in gas line construction by the Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

4. March 30, 1971.

5. April 14, 1971.

6. Information provided by business firms in the course of government investigation of proposals is on a confidential basis.

OPERATION COMPULEX

Question No. 1,857—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. When will operation "COMPULEX" be completed?

2. What is the anticipated cost of this pilot study?

3. Will the cost be borne solely by the government?

4. Are computers to be utilized in the study?

5. Is it proposed in the terms of reference that data banks be considered for the use of the public and/or professions?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): 1. It is estimated that Operation COMPULEX will be completed by March 31, 1972.