

was here when his colleague told us about 70 per cent unemployment among Jamaican youth of our community between the ages of 15 and 24 and 40 per cent unemployment for those between the ages of 25 and 35. That is intolerable. Those people and all other target groups must have an equal opportunity in this country because only then will we become more productive.

That is the message we will send. It is a message of hope, confidence and inspiration.

One only needs to read the newspaper to see what is happening in this country. Housing starts have risen dramatically and there are more building permits. Retail sales have greatly increased. Unemployment has risen with 574,000 new jobs being created in the last 19 months. Five year mortgage rates have gone down 2.75 points. That is a savings of \$92 a month on a \$50,000 mortgage. These are the steps we are taking to instil confidence in the people of our country. They will be there in 1988 or 1989 when the cornerstone of what we have accomplished will not only be national reconciliation and economic renewal, but social justice as well.

Mr. de Corneille: Mr. Speaker, I am absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to deal with some of the points which have just been put forward by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary.

First, one of the tragic things we see taking place in the House of Commons day after day during Question Period, when members of the opposition Parties express their concern about an unacceptable level of unemployment among young people, is that we are simply given comparisons to what the unemployment figures were during a world-wide recession.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. de Corneille: We are not told about the unemployment figures before the world-wide recession. The Government continually tells us what the unemployment figures were in 1982 and what they are now. The fact is that the Government has not returned us to the level of unemployment that existed before the recession. The Government should be absolutely ashamed that this country still has not got off its knees when the rest of the world is in incredible prosperity. That is no record to be proud of.

According to the Senate report on youth, there are 750,000 young people still out of work, but the Government does not lift a finger to provide more money for programs. It wants to cure the deficit on the backs of young people while claiming it is trying to help them by eliminating the deficit. Such hypocrisy is unequalled and unmatched anywhere.

Second, I agree with the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary when he said that the record of Mackenzie King—

[*Translation*]

Mrs. Mailly: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. The Hon. Member accused us of hypocrisy. I believe that is unparliamentary language, if I am not mistaken.

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[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I believe the Hon. Member used the word in general terms.

Mr. de Corneille: Quite correct, Mr. Speaker. I was not accusing any individual in the House. I hope the Member will soon become a more accomplished parliamentarian and more familiar with the rules of the House instead of interrupting and taking the time of another Member with such nonsense.

I was saying that the policies of Mackenzie King—a Liberal Prime Minister—toward the refugees from Germany who wanted to come here was unacceptable and an appalling policy. He was acting on the bad advice of his advisers, but he should have known better, whatever their advice was. I personally have no pride and in no way defend his position or policy.

However, because he was wrong in that case does not make the present policy of the Government right.

The Hon. Member said that his Government has a heart in social policy. I wish the Government would begin to show more heart in this area. I am not saying that it is not continuing some of the programs that were in place, but it is placing emphasis in the wrong area. Its concern is not where it should be in terms of social policy. This does not mean that it is not showing any concern but, as I pointed out in the examples of young people, immigration and multiculturalism, the Government's emphasis is on the rich. As 208 multicultural organizations have pointed out, when the Government spends money on multicultural entrepreneurs, it is taking money away from those weaker, less well off organizations and giving it to those who have money. It is another typical Tory policy.

In conclusion, I want to make it very clear that I certainly do not identify myself with the policies of Mackenzie King on refugees.

Mr. Gervais: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to direct a question to the Hon. Member who just spoke. He stated that the number of jobs being created in Canada today is a result of our coming out of a recession, and that the reason his Government did not create many jobs a few years ago is that there was a deep world-wide recession. I must concede that we were in a world-wide recession and Canada naturally suffered, but prior to the recession the unemployment rates in Canada and the United States were about equal. During the recession, the unemployment rate in Canada shot up to being about 3 per cent or 4 per cent higher than in the United States.

The Hon. Member states that we are creating jobs because the recession is over. Will he explain why we are outstripping the U.S. economy and creating employment at a higher rate by 2 per cent or 3 per cent than in the United States?

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Mr. de Corneille: Mr. Speaker, I believe our unemployment rates for young people are far in excess of what they are for