

BENEFIT QUERY

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): I would like to ask the Deputy Prime Minister, apart from the Minister's own defence, whether the Government considers this proper or whether the conflict of interest guidelines mean what they say when they refer to the ability of office holders to accept hospitality and benefits, provided they are of nominal value? Is this a benefit of nominal value?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, now we see the reason for this. This trip took place in July. There was a story in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* in the last week of July about this inaugural flight, giving the names of many of the people who were on it. The hon. gentleman now says he is asking this question because I spoke in this House yesterday and said certain things, he alleges, about his Leader. I did not call his Leader a Nazi, by the way. I said he uttered untruths. But that is irrelevant.

The Hon. Member, if I can call him that, now says he is bringing this up because I made a speech in this House yesterday. Well, he can bring up what he likes, he will never stop me from speaking my mind in this House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Winnipeg North Centre.

Mr. McDermid: Are you in that much trouble in your riding, Kaplan?

Mr. Siddon: Why do you not join the rat pack?

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Winnipeg North Centre has the floor.

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IMMIGRATION

SCHEDULED DEPORTATION ON BASIS OF MARITAL STATUS
INFORMATION

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for immigration. As I am sure she is aware, the first garment worker to complain about being discriminated against in terms of entry into this country on the basis of marital status is due to be deported by her Government tomorrow. The Commission of Human Rights has written to the Minister directly to ask her to intervene so that this woman can stay in Canada until the Human Rights Commission is able to announce its findings as to whether or not this person was discriminated against. I wonder if the Minister would take this opportunity to announce her decision in this matter.

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to announce any decision. There has been a formal application to the

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Human Rights Commission. An investigation is being conducted. I am certainly taking a strong personal interest in the outcome of this—

Mr. Axworthy: Do not deport her, then. Why are you deporting her?

Mrs. McDougall:—and we will be watching it in our office.

URGENCY OF SITUATION

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): I hope, Mr. Speaker, the Minister is aware of the urgency of this situation. The woman is due to be deported tomorrow.

Mr. Axworthy: People with compassion do things like that.

Mr. Keeper: Can the Minister hear what I am asking? All right. The woman is due to be deported tomorrow and the Human Rights Commission has made a special appeal to allow this woman to stay in Canada until her human rights complaint is carried through. It has found it has reasonable grounds to believe that the Department of Immigration has discriminated against this woman on the basis of marital status. Will the Minister recognize the urgency of the situation and make a decision now so that the woman can stay in Canada until her human rights have been respected?

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the Federal Court has some involvement in this, too. I would point out to the Hon. Member that I have already said we are investigating this matter. If he would like me to, I will say I am actively investigating this matter. But I do not need any lessons in human rights from the Hon. Member.

Mr. Keeper: What are you waiting for?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BURUNDI—TRIBAL WARFARE

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. As someone who has spent many years in Africa I am saddened and appalled at the barbaric and totally uncivilized slaughter the world has recently witnessed in Burundi. It amounts in fact to modern tribal warfare. Will Canada continue to maintain normal relations with Burundi? If not, what action does the Government intend to take to condemn this wanton slaughter of innocent men, women, and children?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think everyone in this House is shocked by the massacres in Burundi. It is part of a tragedy that appears to be ongoing. What all of us want to try to do is to find some effective way in which we might contribute to an atmosphere of peace and justice in that country.