

*Oral Questions*

determine what arrangements ought to exist between Pakistan and France. Surely, the French government has something to say about that.

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[Translation]

**THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO CREATE JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

I shall spare the minister the official figures concerning the increase in unemployment rate, particularly among people from 18 to 30 years of age. The minister is surely aware of the difficult situation prevailing in Quebec regarding job opportunities. Will the minister tell the House if his department or any other will be able to announce shortly an integrated policy aiming at creating jobs to help those Canadians who urgently require work and must at present depend on unemployment insurance?

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has very specific policies. We have general agreements for development with all the provinces, in particular with Quebec. Within the framework of those agreements it is possible to set up developmental programs for specific areas of the Quebec economy. Of course there is the Regional Development Incentives Act which aims at creating more job opportunities. But even so, we still have to wait for entrepreneurs to act because we cannot be expected to take the initiative since we are not given any authority. We can do some research and make suggestions and indeed this is precisely what we have been doing in many areas but we have not always been able to persuade potential employers to avail themselves of those opportunities which would be conducive to some degree of expansion and hence of employment. As for our policy, I can assure the hon. member that we are doing everything possible within the limits of our jurisdiction to bring down unemployment which, we admit, has reached an abnormally high rate.

[English]

**ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE PROGRAM WILL NOT PERPETUATE LOW WAGES IN NEW BRUNSWICK**

**Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Since wage earners in New Brunswick earn up to one-third less than the national average and the decision of the administrator in the Irving case involving New Brunswick workers has caused considerable concern, will the Prime Minister relieve some anxieties and state quite clearly that the operation of the restraints program will not be allowed to freeze New Brunswick wage earners in the position of disparity in which some now find themselves?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it is certainly not the purpose of the board or

[Mr. MacEachen.]

indeed the whole anti-inflation program to prevent various regions of the country from seeking a greater and more fair proportion of the national revenue. On the other hand, the hon. member has to realize it is not the purpose of the board and the program to alleviate regional disparities which have existed in our economy for 100 years and more and which are being tackled, if I can use that expression, by such instruments as the Department of Regional and Economic Expansion. The anti-inflation program itself, however, is not there in order to help or hinder that process.

**Mr. Howie:** A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The point of my question was that New Brunswick certainly appreciates the excellent work of DREE but I want to be certain that the program will not work contra to the avowed purpose of DREE.

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**NATIONAL PARKS****REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF ENTRANCE FEE POLICY**

**Mr. Maurice Harquail (Restigouche):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of past reaction, especially in the Atlantic provinces, to the department's proposed national parks entrance fee policy, will the minister be making a statement in the near future to clarify the policy since the tourism campaign is or will be getting into full swing shortly?

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I will be leaving after the session this morning for the Atlantic provinces, and that is one of the matters I hope to clarify during my visit.

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**OLYMPIC GAMES****REQUEST THAT LOTTERY PROCEDURE BE CHANGED TO AGREE WITH ADVERTISING**

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs I should like to put my question to the right hon. Prime Minister, particularly in view of its importance. In view of the fact there were not as many Olympic lottery winners as advertised by the lottery program through its now obviously false and misleading advertisements, can the Prime Minister advise the House whether he is prepared to instruct the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs or others in this government to take immediate steps to rectify this very serious problem in time for the next draw? At the same time will he remedy the unjust manner in which the program has been run vis-à-vis the advertising campaign?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows that the federal government does not operate the lottery. If there has been some malfunctioning, I am sure it will be drawn to the attention