

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I have received representations from UNICEF and I have promised them consideration. I do not want to compromise the position of the treasury by saying "favourable consideration," but certainly this request is receiving consideration.

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[Translation]

#### NATIONAL SECURITY

##### KIDNAPPING OF JAMES CROSS—REPRESENTATIONS BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Could the minister tell the House if the Government of London has made representations or brought pressure to bear concerning the eventual release of British diplomat James Cross?

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we have received many messages from the British government with regard to Mr. Cross. I have exchanged messages, of course, with my counterpart, the British Foreign Secretary, and in all of them the British government have expressed their appreciation for the great efforts being made on behalf of Mr. Cross.

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the British government offered the services of Scotland Yard and has the government of Canada accepted?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I have not had any such offers.

##### KIDNAPPING OF JAMES CROSS—OFFERING OF REWARD

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to the Solicitor General. As it is now three weeks since Mr. Cross was kidnapped, is there any reassurance the minister can give the House today? In particular, as he has had the weekend to think and reflect further upon the wisdom of offering a reward, is there anything more the Solicitor General can say in that regard?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** No, Mr. Speaker.

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#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

##### PENALIZING OF NURSING MOTHERS—RESTORATION OF RIGHTS

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour as the doughty champion of women's rights. Will he cause to be examined and remedied the recent ruling of the

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Unemployment Insurance Commission in Ontario which penalized nursing mothers?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. gentleman's question is irrelevant. In the interval not only has an apology been extended to the lady in question but her full rights under the Unemployment Insurance Act have been extended to her.

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#### LABOUR CONDITIONS

##### QUEBEC—PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH LACK OF EMPLOYMENT

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Prime Minister about Quebec but not about the War Measures Act. In view of the information contained in the report of the Economic Council of Canada issued last month that out of 77,000 new jobs created in Canada this year only 3,000 were in Quebec and in view of the fact that about 40 per cent of the unemployed in Canada are in Quebec, can the Prime Minister inform the House whether the government is planning some special programs to deal with this serious situation in that province? I hope it is and we would be glad to hear a statement on that matter.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The statement, if this is what the hon. member is asking for, should not be made now but on motions.

**Mr. Lewis:** I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker. I should have asked whether we might have the assurance that there will be a statement on this matter.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, there will, either in the form of statements in the House, answers to questions or announcements in the House, from time to time be announcements of measures which have been and will be taken in order to meet this unemployment situation. I remind the hon. member that not too many weeks ago, out of I believe an amount of \$100 million which was set aside for the problem of public housing in Canada, a very sizeable percentage of that amount, I think nearly 50 per cent, went to the province of Quebec because we have this kind of problem in mind. I am glad to see we have the support of the House in this regard.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure hon. members would be interested to know whether there is a committee of cabinet, a task force, or some other body studying the particular problem of jobs in Quebec with a view to developing a program to meet the situation at least in part.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings.

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. As the only economic statement made in the House since the beginning of the session was that made by the Minister of Finance some days ago, has the government nothing