

must admit that Providence is generous towards Canadians by giving us most devoted men.

Among other things, Mr. Speaker, I recall that in the 1935 electoral campaign—I was already looking closely into what was going on in politics—Mr. King had stated in Saskatoon on September 23, 1935, that should his party be voted into office the Canadian people would witness the greatest battle ever between government and financiers. He had added that if a government failed to control its credit it was futile to talk about democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say also that Mr. King has governed the country in extremely difficult years. It is appropriate to remind the young of that because if those years were difficult there were better ones after. Many young people have had it easy and cannot conceive that there were excessively difficult times. From 1930 to 1945, Mr. King was in power as prime minister. It was during the economic crisis and war followed. God knows how excessively difficult it was to govern Canada in wartime. It must be recognized in all fairness that Mr. King did manage then to govern the country with the greatest conscientiousness possible and as soundly as he could. I am glad to say it because if we look back upon that time and reflect on the behaviour of the men in power we see not only bad but also good deeds which should inspire us today.

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[English]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUGGESTED ACTION TO STOP LAY-OFF OF AEROSPACE WORKERS IN WINNIPEG—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S. O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I wish to propose a motion on a subject of urgent and pressing necessity.

On May 23, 1974, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) announced that the DND Boeing 707 aircraft would be overhauled at CAE in Winnipeg and, "In addition there will be vigorous attempts to attract other work from other sources" for CAE. Speaking of Dorval and Winnipeg, he stated, "Our intention is to increase jobs in every region" and "we're making sure both places will grow."

At the same time, the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Richardson) stated unequivocally that the Boeing 707 overhauls would mean "the addition of 800 new jobs within the constituency of Winnipeg South Centre."

Last week in Winnipeg the Prime Minister claimed the aerospace industry in Manitoba is growing faster than any other place in Canada. A new twist has made this a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Last Friday, December 13, 24 employees at CAE received lay-off notices because of lack of work. The majority of these men has successfully completed a course in Seattle, or at CAE, on overhauling Boeing aircraft. They are highly skilled aerospace workers.

Oral Questions

In view of the fact that specific government promises and commitments have been broken and no action is being taken to remedy the situation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That this House direct the Prime Minister to take immediate personal action to stop these and future lay-offs, and take immediate steps to ensure that his government's promises for aerospace jobs are realized.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. It being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43, it cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put at this time.

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[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON HOLDING INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION IN VIEW OF ONTARIO'S POSITION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Justice. Now that the minister has been advised by the government of Ontario it is not possible for provincial police authorities to act effectively in the matter of the SIU, is the minister or the government now giving serious consideration to holding a federal inquiry into the SIU, as requested by the Ontario solicitor general? If so, when will the Minister of Justice be making a statement?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, naturally when a provincial minister asks us to give serious consideration to any matter, we tend to do so. We will be examining the issues in this case. It is, of course, *prima facie* not obvious why, in this particular case, the matters involved cannot be dealt with effectively by the provincial authorities. We will want to look into that. We will, of course, be waiting for further results of investigations which are under way.

Mr. Stanfield: Does the Minister of Justice not accept the position of the solicitor general of Ontario that the situation is not ordinary in that it involves the management of SIU affairs which is beyond the purview of the Criminal Code as such and because of the feeling that is alleged to exist, mainly a general atmosphere of intimidation and reprisal within the organization. It is alleged this has made it extremely difficult to deal with the allegations by way of laying charges under the Criminal Code. This is the general atmosphere that exists.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, to some extent that may raise questions of the effectiveness of police work and police enforcement. It is not at all unusual for criminal matters