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the German Government will not let it manufacture, but there is no money for the young people. You take the money away from the young people in order to feed those needs. That is the policy of the Tory Government, and that is what it is trying to borrow money for, to help the rich so that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. The number of people who are going to places where food is handed out to the poor, to soup kitchens in Toronto, where no soup kitchens existed years ago, are back now in business and there are not one or two, not ten or 20, but dozens and dozens and dozens of places where the poor now have to go to find food and shelter in order to exist. That is how the rich are getting richer. In a city like mine, in Toronto, the poor are getting poorer subject to the policies of a Government that is insensitive to those that are weak and in need.

It does not have to be against the rich, but it does not have to be at the expense of the poor. When we look at what has happened to the young people and how the money has been spent, we see that this Government has, first of all, cut off \$2 billion in post-secondary educational grants as projected by the formula. We see that this Government has cut funding for research councils, and yet it says it is concerned about research. It is incredibly hypocritical. The money it is giving to the research councils will amount to little more than inflation. It is so kind as to offer incentives to businesses to come in and involve themselves in financing research. Imagine any business financing research in the social sciences, or in pure sciences for that matter. Business has to go where there is a profit. It is inevitably a death sentence for research in any other field except in the short-term profitability range of science and technology.

The Government has cut 40 per cent of the seats in the community colleges that were being used for training and retraining of young people. That is 40 per cent gone from those community colleges and the ability of the provinces to provide education in its totality for their students.

The provinces are the ones that are suffering the war against the deficit because the federal Government cuts away the money and loads the responsibilities on the provinces' backs. It is not eliminating any deficit, it is just passing the deficit on to the provinces, in the junior colleges, in the community colleges, in the universities. It is shoving off its responsibilities onto the provinces and onto the backs of the poor. That is the charge I am making.

A further concern about what it is doing to students is the fact that this Government has cut student loan levels, held them frozen while, as we know, inflation continues. It has cut out the Katimavik Program, a \$20-million program which has proven its merit and is of international reputation. People are sending letters constantly, even to this day, to me in my riding, to the Members of this whole House, pleading that that program be continued. It is of value to young people and cannot be replaced by job-training programs, which have their value. Yes, they should be done too, not instead of. The Government has cut the First Chance Program for the young

people. It has cut the budget of the Youth Minister as well as cut the help for foreign students. We stand condemned as a nation for having a Government that is shortsighted and does not call out to the world, as our forefathers did of old, to send us their people who are in need, and from them we will forge a mighty nation, the kind of nation that is made now of their descendants, the scientists, the entrepreneurs and the humanitarians that inhabit our land.

• (1620)

**Mr. Weiner:** Mr. Speaker, I am forced to rise because I can hardly believe that the Hon. Member represents the same Party that was in power in 1982 when unemployment went up 3.5 points and that Government put 400,000 people on the bread lines. It is that same Party that was in power through those many years with Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Prime Minister St. Laurent when we saw the heart they showed for the refugees of Europe in those dark days of post-war years.

Those of us who have spent our lives building a caring community are particularly sensitive to accusations that we do not have a heart and do not have a conscience because we will win the next election on social justice. That will be the direction of our Party.

The Hon. Member's speech contained a number of inaccuracies. An immigration policy that has increased the immigration level to 115,000 this year—up by some 25,000 or 30,000—is showing much more heart and openness in all areas. Almost 50 per cent of that immigration will be family reunification. Refugees are our highest priority, and the Hon. Member knows that.

We have spent considerable time in the last year exploring ways to try to do something about deplorable human rights in all parts of the world, whether it is in Central America, South Africa, the Soviet Union or elsewhere. We are sensitive to that need and we are a model for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who looks to us for policies that are fair, open and available to all who need them.

With respect to the comments made about the Canadian Jobs Strategy, as Parliamentary Secretary I am willing to make myself available to those Members who would like to have a special briefing. We have put in place a program that gives training and real work experience. We want young people and others to have that practical experience which can be put on a curriculum vitae. We do not want the make work projects of the past or some short term effort that will ultimately put people back on unemployment insurance. The name of the game is to put people back to work, and that is what we are doing.

The Hon. Member talked about multiculturalism. We are cognizant of the need that people must have support for their culture, heritage and traditions, but we are even more cognizant of the fact that they need real jobs. The Hon. Member