

*The Address—Mr. Cafik*

attention of the House because I think they are of particular significance.

First, we must improve the availability of manpower for the food production sector of our economy. Anyone representing even a modest agricultural riding knows the great problems being experienced by farmers in securing adequate manpower. It is also important that we provide assistance and financial incentives to young people to enable them to become established in farming. This is a matter of great concern, bearing in mind the average age of our farmers. If this is not done, then severe problems lie ahead not only for Canadians in the long haul but for the world in general. As an agricultural nation we have a tremendous responsibility not only to our own people, to our farmers and consumers, but to consumers throughout the world. Any human being worthy of the name must have deep concern when he sees so many people throughout the world going short of food when we have the capability to provide much of it for them.

I have consistently advocated increased availability of reasonably priced feed grains. The price of feed grains has increased because of international shortages and a number of other factors. This in itself is an enormous item which is reflected in the increased cost of food. I advocate subsidies on feed grains to a significant degree, not only in the interests of consumers but of farmers.

I am also quite pleased that the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce was alluded to so prominently in the Speech from the Throne which spoke about aid to small businessmen. These persons are certainly in need of considerable aid. We have many programs now to assist industry in Canada. We are familiar with IADA, PAIT, PEP and others. A number of them provide forgivable loans and other free money for various purposes that are deemed to be in the national interest. I applaud some of those programs. However, the area on which we must concentrate is that of providing capital to business people who need it, at reasonable interest rates without any forgivable feature. Many small business people suffer badly because they cannot get adequate financing. I praise the government for its initiative in talking about a federal development bank. I certainly hope this will provide funds to businessmen at better interest rates than were available through the IDB which it is to replace. This is one of the most fundamental problems in our country today and it must be dealt with quickly.

When speaking about small businessmen, I also wish to mention problems that surround the DREE program. Mr. Speaker, I am not being critical of that program because we all realize the importance of correcting regional disparities; however, it has some offsetting disadvantages in other areas. My riding is situated on the outskirts of Toronto and contains a number of manufacturers who need funds for expansion of their businesses. It would not be in the public interest for them to be squeezed out of business, or to think they are being squeezed out of business, by the application of DREE grants and other incentives to other parts of the country. This creates an enormous dilemma for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gillespie) and for parliament, and we must look at it. One way to correct it would be the establishment of a new kind of industrial development

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bank which would provide loan capital at reasonable interest rates to people outside designated DREE areas who badly need capital.

Now I wish to deal briefly with transportation. There has been a lot of talk about the difficulties between the western provinces and the federal government regarding the oil crisis and how the tax money will be divided. Frankly, I believe a large part of that problem would disappear if, as suggested in the throne speech, we were to introduce realistic freight rates that would end the discrimination which now exists. As a member for an Ontario riding, I have no great reason to say that; but, Mr. Speaker, I have had the good fortune to travel across this country of ours and I have a great deal of concern for the maritimes and for the west. I realize this is a problem for all Canadians and not just for Canadians in the west or in the east.

In what I call the golden horseshoe around the Toronto area there are many people, if not the majority, who feel that we have expanded too fast and too much and that it would be a good thing to decentralize some manufacturing industries to other parts of the country which need them. I subscribe to that view.

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I am hopeful, too, that we will take steps toward improving commuter transportation as well as look at the freight rate situation, and will put more emphasis on rail passenger traffic in this country. We need a system which is more efficient, consumes less energy and is more desirable than many other forms of transit that we have at the present time. Rail is part of the answer. I must say, in a negative way, that I have been a little disturbed over the years by people who say that the CPR and the CNR are really outside our control. In my view, parliament controls the regulations and the acts under which these bodies, operate, and if we are not willing to take the kind of steps that need to be taken in the field of transportation, then it is high time something was done about it.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I hesitate to interrupt the hon. member, but the time allotted to him has expired. He may continue, however, if there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Cafik:** Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues. I notice that one of them on the opposite side has his fingers up indicating "two". I do not know whether that is some sort of comment about my speech, or whether he thinks I should have only two minutes. I remember once before giving unanimous consent and finding out that there was no limitation once it had been given. I am not trying to scare hon. members, and I shall try to keep my remarks to a minimum, but I have a few more points to make. As I say, I appreciate the indulgence of the House.

**An hon. Member:** You are getting better all the time.

**Mr. Cafik:** Thank you. I thought I would save those negative comments until I needed consent, so that I would get it. I should like to pursue the question of a transporta-