

Jack Smith of General Motors of Canada. During those meetings we have, of course, discussed the Ste.-Thérèse plant. I can assure the Hon. Member that we have discussed the longer range planning for Ste. Thérèse referred to yesterday.

[Translation]

INQUIRY WHETHER PRIME MINISTER WILLING TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO G.M.

Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Mr. Speaker, I was asking the Prime Minister to report to the House on his meetings. I am concerned, because the meetings the Minister had with General Motors have not lead to an investment of \$700 million but to the company's planning to close down the plant—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member was reasonably long the first time.

[Translation]

Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): I would like to know whether the Prime Minister is prepared to take this up personally with GM in order to protect these jobs, as he promised the Leader of the Opposition on November 7, 1984.

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, all this was done ages ago. We have—

Mr. Lapierre: And look at the results!

Mr. Mulroney: Yes, as the Hon. Member for Shefford says, look at the results. And we have results, Mr. Speaker. They are there for all to see, and I want my hon. friend to correct me if I am wrong. He probably will, but the fact is that in fifteen months we have created 137,000 new jobs in Quebec, while the Liberals only managed to create 37,000 in fifty-five months.

Mr. Speaker, I never claimed we were perfect—

Ms. Copps: It doesn't look good in Quebec!

Mr. Mulroney: —but the fact is that we are creating jobs thirteen times as fast as the former Liberal Government was able to do.

SALE OF GULF REFINERY—ALLEGED BEHAVIOUR OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I too have a question for the Prime Minister.

According to *Gaz métropolitain*, Ultramar management imposed a precondition yesterday so as to prevent the sale of their Montreal East refinery to any prospective competitor on the Quebec market.

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My question is this, Mr. Speaker: In light of that information, I would ask whether the Prime Minister finds that this kind of behaviour on the part of a foreign company in Canada is acceptable?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we are not aware of the existence of such a condition.

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, given such a condition as reported in this morning's newspapers—I hope the Prime Minister reads Canadian newspapers—competition will be restricted.

As a supplementary question, is the Prime Minister prepared, once he has been fully briefed, to launch an investigation pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of the Canadian Combines Investigation Act? This is an important matter to Quebecers.

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, this is an important matter to Quebecers. Not only are we considering the issue raised by my colleague, but perhaps more important still in certain fields, the hard fact is that over the past three years, from 1982 to 1984, three major Montreal East refineries closed their doors, and the Liberals tried to close Petromont and kill one of our leading companies. We are doing our best to revive them all, including the Gulf refinery.

I think our efforts deserve not only the encouragement of the Hon. Member but also the official support—which we are seeking—of all Liberal Members of the House of Commons, hopefully so that for once they will stand up and defend the interests of Quebecers.

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[English]

ENERGY

MAJOR OIL FIND IN BEAUFORT SEA

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister I will direct my question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Could the Government confirm and describe what is apparently a major new oil find in the Amauligak structure of the Beaufort Sea? Will production from this field be speedily encouraged?

Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, needless to say we were ecstatic when we heard about the discovery of a delineation well in the Beaufort Sea. The production results show that there will be delivery of some 35,000 barrels of oil