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Two things are important in terms of Canada. The World Peace Council is a major funding agency for the so-called peace demonstrations around the world. Many well-meaning Canadians, who think they are working for peace when they join the peace councils and march for peace in organizations funded by the World Peace Council, are actually not working for peace as we understand it, but only as the Soviets understand it.

Second, that program made it evidently clear that those who work for peace in an independent way in the Soviet Union do not share the freedom of demonstration which we enjoy in Canada. I want to compliment CTV for the work it has done and to encourage it to do it again.

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TRADE

CANADA-U.S. NEGOTIATIONS—IMPACT ON TECHNOLOGICAL INDUSTRY

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, we have heard much about the need for a level playing field in the trade negotiations and, with it, condemnation of the social, equalization, and other subsidies in Canada that the Americans will challenge. Another side of the coin has been cited by the Science Council.

What concessions will our Government demand and what mechanisms will be in place to equalize the playing field for Canadian technology-based industries so that they can compete with their American counterparts? What greater subsidies do we provide than the massive competitive advantage given to the U.S. high-tech industries by inherently preferential, if not incestuous, defence department expenditures for procurement and research and development? Will Canada insist on excluding much of our high technology industry from free trade negotiations, or will we, in our haste to benefit from the engine of U.S. economic prosperity, be driven to submissive acceptance of U.S. military policy so that we can share its profitable secrets?

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THE ECONOMY

DECLINE IN INTEREST RATES—GROWTH IN BUSINESS INVESTMENTS

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, the Government's program of economic renewal has helped cause lower interest rates and increased business investments. These factors helped stimulate almost 600,000 new jobs in the past 18 months. One-year mortgage rates have dropped to 9.75 per cent, the lowest rate in eight years. This trend of lower

borrowing costs will materially assist home buyers, small business owners, and all consumers who borrow.

New business investment continues to grow. I attended a sod-turning ceremony last week in my riding of Don Valley East. Ikea, the furniture people from Sweden, are building a new store which will open in 1987. It will be Ikea's seventy-sixth store in the world. It will cover 220,000 square meters, over five acres, making it their largest store in North America. Most important, between 150 and 200 new jobs will be created in Don Valley East.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT—EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Public Service Commission presented its annual report which contains some startling statistics. The report offers little hope that women will be given a better shake in the federal Public Service. Women hold fewer than one-quarter of the thousands of Public Works jobs and only 32 per cent of the over 30,000 civilian positions in National Defence. In the Departments of Transport and the Environment women hold 20 per cent and 27 per cent respectively.

I can go on. Women hold under 8 per cent of the well-paid senior civil service management and executive jobs while they are still the majority in those ghetto jobs, that is, clerical support staff, where they hold 82.7 per cent of the jobs. Furthermore, women only account for 4.8 per cent of those paid \$60,000 and over.

The Tories promised fair representation in Government for women but there has been little improvement. When will there be action? Just prior to the next election in the form of token nominations? Certainly not through applying their famous, yet toothless, employment equity Bill, C-62.

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ENERGY

DEREGULATION OF CRUDE OIL PRICES—EFFECT ON PRIMARY PRODUCERS

Mr. Pat Binns (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, it is high time that Canada's oil companies dropped the price of bulk fuel to primary producers. Farmers, fishermen, woodlot owners and others who buy in bulk are not benefiting from the Government's policy of deregulating crude oil prices so that the benefits can be passed on to users.

In my Province of Prince Edward Island all fuel comes in the same tankers, is stored in the same tanks, and is delivered in the same trucks. While prices have dropped at the gas pumps for consumers, the same benefits have not been passed