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INDUSTRY

SHOES—REPORTED REDUCTION IN PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF INCREASED IMPORTS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. Is it a fact that the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada has made representations to the government to the effect that their production last year decreased by 2,750,000 pairs of shoes and 3,000 workers are out of work because of importations from low cost countries—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. gentleman should ask the question directly without supporting it by a statement as he is now doing.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I have sometimes found it necessary to give the government information.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I understand these people have asked that some effective action be taken. If representations of that kind have been made, has any action been taken?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue and President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, because my right hon. friend has indicated a number of facts in his question which may not have very much relevance to the question, I should like to take the question as notice. We are conscious of the problem of the shoe manufacturers, but I should like to make sure that representations have been made and what our response was to those representations.

Mr. Diefenbaker: May I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Were not the representations made to the minister?

Mr. Benson: I believe I received a copy of the representations but they were made, as they should have been, to the Minister of Finance who is in charge of tariff policy in this country.

NATIONAL SECURITY

ASSISTANCE TO CANADIAN GROUPS FROM U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the

Inquiries of the Ministry

Solicitor General. This question has nothing to do with fishing. Has the minister been informed of the organizations, groups or persons in Canada who have received financial assistance directly or indirectly from the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This would be a good question for the order paper.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

TELEVISION BROADCAST SHOWING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF ARMED FORCES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence concerning a program last night at 10.30 on C.B.C.-T.V. showing the equipment and training of the armed forces. Did the minister authorize the preparation of this film and approve of the distorted and inaccurate statements of the commentator?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, how do I get information as to who authorized the showing of an inaccurate film? Is the minister not responsible?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am not the minister through whom the C.B.C. reports to parliament.

Mr. Starr: Who reports to you?

Mr. Churchill: I have a supplementary question, then. Does the minister not give authorization to people who wish to take photographs and film strips of the equipment and training of the armed services?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This question is argumentative.

Mr. Churchill: Then I have another supplementary question. This is a search for information, Mr. Speaker. Can I not ask who on the government side gives authority for films of that nature to be made? Is that not a fair question, sir?

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure whether it is a fair question, but it is not one that can be asked at this time.

Mr. Churchill: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. May I respectfully ask you when that question may be asked?

Mr. Speaker: That particular question cannot be answered by the Speaker.