

It is a fact of life that most municipal transit services operate at a deficit. The smaller ones particularly rely on capital assistance from higher government levels. I am convinced that many municipalities will face serious, eleven desparate budgetary problems if the federal Government does not come up with an adequate replacement for UTAP. Therefore I urge the Minister of Transport to recommend to Cabinet a program with a funding arrangement similar to UTAP. In that way the federal Government would continue to offer 80 per cent capital funding for municipal transit projects. Such a program should receive cabinet support as soon as is reasonably possible.

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THE SENATE

EMOLUMENTS OF SENATORS

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Thank you, Madam Speaker, and welcome back. Last week two young boys appeared before the Macdonald Royal Commission on the Economy and pointed out that for many young Canadians Santa Claus is dead. Many hundreds of thousands of Canadian families are without jobs or funds for a festive holiday season.

Well, I have identified a way to set up a Christmas fund, a fund that already exists, worth \$106,472,701. This fund is a secret Liberal trough and the chosen few—69 at latest count—are often seen wolfing down steaks and gulping down imported wine not too far from this Chamber. These lightfingered dandies are the non-elected friends of Santa Pierre and his pointy-eared friends.

Leading the happy gang is Rudolph Jack Austin, pulling in \$3.9 million, followed closely by Dancer Keith Davey at \$2.7 million, and Old Red Nose Ray Perrault at \$2.6 million. These are the audited figures of Liberal senatorships. Imagine if the figures for the Conservative Senators were added.

Needless to say, the \$79,000 of public funds just spent by the Conservative leader to spiff up his publicly provided housing will doubtless not be Tory policy on free tax dollars for home renovation or ownership across Canada. Santa's federal bag is emptied to the rich, and empty for the poor. What about the kids?

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ETHNIC AFFAIRS

SOVIET EMBASSY'S ATTACK ON UKRAINIAN CANADIANS

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, all Canadians of Ukrainian descent were viciously slandered last weekend when an official of the Soviet Embassy referred to the Congress of Free Ukrainians meeting in Toronto as a "gathering of former Nazi lackies and supporters". Canadians of every ethnic background and race will feel nothing but repugnance and outrage at such an unwarranted and malicious attack.

Oral Questions

During the Second World War untold thousands of Ukrainian Canadians answered their country's call and volunteered to fight against Adolf Hitler and the national socialist policies for which he stood. They served in every facet of the Armed Forces and distinguished themselves in every field of battle. Many gave their lives in the cause. Through his words, the Soviet Embassy spokesman has sought to defile the sacrifices and contributions made by those men and women.

The smear campaign launched against Ukrainian Canadians by the Soviet Union has underlined the Embassy's lack of credibility. This is a country whose Embassy refused to accept delivery of a diplomatic note from the House of Commons after a coldblooded attack on a defenceless Korean KAL airliner. This is a country and a system of government that were directly responsible for the man-made famine that swept the Ukraine in 1932-33, resulting in the deaths of some seven million Ukrainians.

Along with thousands of other Canadians of Ukrainian heritage, I am outraged at being termed a "nazi lackey". There can be no excuse for such a scurrilous and abusive attack.

When it comes to a question of totalitarianism versus freedom, it is clear that Ukrainian Canadians stand on the side of liberty, freedom, and justice.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

CRITICISM OF CANADA EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION COMMISSION'S HUMAN RESOURCE PLANNING

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, the Auditor General's Report which you tabled minutes ago contains items of concern to Canadians. In the absence of the Minister of Employment and Immigration I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister. I suggest to the Prime Minister that the most important part of the Auditor General's Report for 1.5 unemployed Canadians will be the section on employment and immigration. Would he advise the House of the Government's response to the criticism that the Commission does not determine its future human resource needs in a detailed and systematic manner?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I do not have any response to that, not having read the Auditor General's Report. As has been mentioned, it has been tabled today. I am sure that I will have the pleasure of looking at it over the days and weeks to come, but I would be happy to take notice of the question on behalf of the Hon. Minister.