

Mr. Diefenbaker: —at the Stampede, which is a good description of the actions always taken by the hon. member for Halifax.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Minister without Portfolio was in the parade and, with his hand on a saddle, he said: "This is the only seat I am sure of".

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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MANPOWER

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO RECTIFY

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. My question relates to the high level of youth unemployment in Canada and to the fact that as of today one in seven young Canadians are officially unemployed, even though this statistic does not include the hundreds of thousands who are excluded from government statistics. In view of the fact that today's release indicates that one third of these young people have now been unemployed for more than three months, will the minister tell this House what measures he is taking to deal with the failure of his department to find long-term productive jobs to bring an end to this tragic waste of talent and ability?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, my department together with private enterprise and other departments has found employment for the vast majority of young people.

Mr. Fraser: Who are you kidding?

Mr. Cullen: We are concerned about the high level of unemployment among youth. That is why we have placed heavy emphasis on Young Canada Works and the job experience training program which proved, as a summer component, to be very effective. We intend to increase emphasis on that program. We are working with the provinces on apprenticeship programs and on co-operative education programs and on a number of others which would take too long to list in the question period. The hon. member should read the list once in a while.

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker, I can assure the minister that I do read it, but I cannot understand why about 45 per cent of our unemployment is among the youth of this country when the government is doing so much for youth. In view of the reference made by the Leader of the New Democratic Party, will there be further plans for young people in the employment field implemented this fall?

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, instead of letting statistics be the catalyst this party has been working on this operation since last October. Announcements were made last October. We

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recognize that this is a continuing problem. Instead of relaxing I spent part of my holidays going to other countries and finding out how they are endeavouring to deal with this problem.

Mr. Fraser: How many Canadians are overseas looking for jobs?

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Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, we received from all of the countries nothing but approbation for the stance being taken by Canada.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MOZAMBIQUE—UNITED NATIONS MOTION TO SUPPLY MATERIAL ASSISTANCE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Can the minister explain whether a recent unanimous vote of the Security Council of the United Nations commits Canada to provide material assistance to Mozambique and will this involve the supplying of arms and ammunition to a Marxist regime?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member, but in view of the noise in the chamber I did not hear the first part of his question. Would he mind repeating it?

Mr. Johnston: Mr. Speaker, I will repeat the question. Can the minister explain whether a recent unanimous vote of the Security Council of the United Nations commits Canada, which is a member of that council, to provide material assistance to Mozambique and will this involve the supplying of arms and ammunition to a Marxist regime?

Mr. Jamieson: Dispensing with the adjectives, Mr. Speaker, obviously if it was a unanimous decision of the Security Council it means that Canada subscribed to it. I will have to look at the actual wording of it to make a direct answer to the hon. member on the second part, but I very much doubt if there are any arms involved in this decision.

Mr. Johnston: I realize there was not too much in the Canadian newspapers, but it was reported rather fully in the *New York Times* of July 1. Considering this government's expressed and understandable reluctance to commit Canadian troops to any peace-keeping proposal for Rhodesia, can the minister explain the unanimous vote at the Security Council, the result of which can only increase the risk of all-out warfare in that area?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, I do not think I can answer in enough detail in the question period to satisfy the hon. member. If he will agree, I will write him in detail, table it or