

about my accomplishments and those of my colleagues on this side of the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** We are still waiting for your resignation.

**Mr. Gray:** If I am not mistaken, Black and Decker is one of a number of foreign-controlled companies in this country which has followed an example which I think should be multiplied, that is, to operate on a world product mandate basis for specific product lines. I think the problem my hon. friend has outlined in his question is not solely related to the Canadian economy but to the American and world economy.

We certainly have to improve the situation, and this is what we are doing. The Minister of Finance has talked about efforts he is making which we look forward to being reflected in his budget.

Certainly the Black and Decker situation is linked not solely to the Canadian situation but to that of the United States economy and world economy. The situation in the United States economy is linked with the policy my hon. friend and his colleagues on that side of the House would desire to put into place if the Canadian people ever gave them the chance, which I do not think they will.

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### INDUSTRY

#### INQUIRY WHETHER MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO INCREASE FOOTWEAR PRODUCTION

**Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. As he seems to have "warmed up", we must take advantage of it.

Not too long ago the Canadian footwear industry made representations to the minister with a view to establishing a policy that would protect and ensure the survival of the industry in Canada and also provide opportunities for increasing production. In view of the prevailing economic situation, could the hon. minister tell us today in the House whether he intends to give a positive reply to the Canadian footwear industry and whether the desired increase in production could be realized next year?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Madam Speaker, we are in the process of completing our discussions in cabinet on our policy for the footwear industry. I am sure we shall be able to issue a statement in the very near future.

### Oral Questions

[English]

### UNITED NATIONS

#### CANADIAN PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the general fear of a nuclear war and the fear of a new arms race between the super powers, and the fact that the world armament market into the Third World is at its height, and the fact that Canadians and millions of people around the world are protesting against this, and lastly the fact that members of all parties in both Houses have a very deep concern about the question of disarmament, would the minister tell this House how the government is preparing for the special session on disarmament to be held at the United Nations next June?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Madam Speaker, the Government of Canada has always been one of the leaders in the search for world disarmament. We intend to continue in our devotion to that cause.

As the hon. gentleman correctly pointed out, there is a special session on disarmament which will be held under United Nations aegis next May and June.

We have begun our preparation for that session and we will be consulting widely with the Canadian public. We hope to receive advice also from the standing committee in Parliament. We will certainly continue our traditional policies, including the policy which the Prime Minister enunciated several years ago, of suffocation.

#### FUNDS TO ESTABLISH PEACE INSTITUTE

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** I am happy to hear that the minister has some positive suggestions to put forward. I am sure he will be open to other suggestions which will come from various parts of this House, including the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence. Would the minister be able to instruct the government, as a symbolic step, not to buy the 138th fighter airplane, but use the funds for that last fighter to set up a peace institute in Canada and fund university chairs and foundations which would study the causes of war and underdevelopment, and how we can maintain peace?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Madam Speaker, we on this side of the House certainly share our hon. friend's devotion to the cause of disarmament. We will do everything we can to advance it on a mutually acceptable basis and to encourage peace as well as peace institutes.

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Our policy, however, is not a single track policy. It is not one of disarmament alone because, as the hon. gentleman well knows, to be effective disarmament has to be a two-way street. Therefore, until such time as disarmament is mutually agreed