

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BOMBING OF MOZAMBIQUE BY SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE—
CALL FOR CONDEMNATION

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, the statement made today by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) about the bombing of Mozambique is a weak statement which does not begin to meet the occasion. The fact is that South Africa has admitted bombing a city of a neighbouring country; it has claimed to have killed guerillas, which claim is disputed; and it has used as an excuse a bombing in Pretoria which was neither proven against Mozambique nor has been admitted by Mozambique. Yet the statement by the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs appears to lay equal blame on all parties for the violence that is occurring there.

The fact is that the source of the violence, both the violence which we condemn among the terrorists and the violence of the Government of South Africa against a neighbouring state—the source of all that violence is the violent regime of South Africa against the majority of its people, which is carried out through murder, starvation, and enslavement. Therefore the Government of Canada ought to condemn not only apartheid in South Africa but its blatant act of war against a neighbouring state and its continued murder of its own black people.

Madam Speaker: Order.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

POLL RESULTS ON SUPPORT FOR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, in Brandon-Souris yesterday, Lee Clark, a university professor, defeated the NDP candidate, a corporation president, in all but eight out of 200 polls. Apparently there was also a Liberal candidate in the race.

Permit me to focus today briefly on the myth in a few quarters that the Liberal Party is still on the free enterprise side of the political spectrum. Last week an extremely interesting Gallup poll was published on the question, "Do you think the future development of Canada should depend more on private enterprise, more on Government control, or on the same mixture of private and Government control as we have now?"

The result showed that, across Canada, of those surveyed only 10 per cent favour more Government control and 40 per cent favour the present mix. For the Prairies and B.C., the percentages favouring more free enterprise are, respectively, 56 per cent and 57 per cent. Across Canada, 61 per cent of PC supporters favour more free enterprise and 41 per cent of NDP supporters, but only 30 per cent of Liberal supporters.

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In other words, Madam Speaker, Liberal partisans across Canada appear to be more hostile to free enterprise than both the NDP and the Canadian population as a whole.

Madam Speaker: Order.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for International Trade. For over a week we have known the thrust of the report of the automotive task force on the industry. We have heard from the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce who has not said anything that would instil confidence in the unemployed workers, and the Minister responsible for international trade has been conspicuously absent on this extremely important matter affecting his portfolio.

Is the Minister in a position to tell the House and the industry today whether he—not Cabinet—as Minister and International Trade at least supports in principle the recommendations contained in the report? If so, what is he doing about it?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)): Madam Speaker, I can tell the Hon. Member that I have been more conspicuous by my absence since I have been out of the country on a very successful trade mission to the ASEAN countries during the time since that report of the task force came forth.

I think that this was an extremely well qualified task force. The report that they have presented to my distinguished colleague, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, is one that will be studied very carefully by Government in relation to determining whether it provides the best method of assuring that our industry will be competitive and able to provide the necessary jobs for Canadians. I believe that is the goal that we all seek.

MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton): Madam Speaker, I am simply trying to find out where the Minister stands on this very important issue.

Notwithstanding the task force report, could the Minister tell the House whether he is in agreement in principle with the position that I, for example, have been taking for the last two years, which involves two basic principles—one the provision of incentives for offshore importers to invest in Canada and