

## THE LATE GENERAL OMAR BRADLEY

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of some importance under the provisions of Standing Order 43. United States General Omar Bradley, a Second World War hero and last of the American five-star generals, died Wednesday of a heart attack, at the age of 88. It has been acknowledged by those in the allied forces who either had the privilege of serving with him or who were able to witness and appreciate his leadership—and this includes thousands of Canadians—that General Bradley was an able and courageous leader and a fine gentleman. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That this House, on behalf of the people of Canada, and in particular the Canadian veterans of the Second World War, extend an expression of our deepest sympathy to General Omar Bradley's family and to the American people.

**Madam Speaker:** Here again, the House will note the sentiments that are expressed in the motion.

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

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLAND—SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CRISIS—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. John Kushner (Calgary East):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of critical importance to world peace and security. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski):

That this House go on record as being in support of a peaceful resolution to the crisis in Poland and in opposition to outside military intervention and interference, and further, that this House go on record as commending the initiatives of individual Canadians in sending food aid to Poland as a humanitarian gesture in a time of difficulty.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for the introduction of this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Madam Speaker:** Does the House agree to the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

## Oral Questions

• (1115)

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### EMPLOYMENT

GOVERNMENT ACTION TO STIMULATE JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. The March unemployment figures showed a rise in the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate from 7.2 per cent to 7.4 per cent. Canadians are especially concerned about the future of young people in the country, since employment dropped in the 15 to 24 age group by 14,000 jobs.

What action is the government taking, on a co-ordinated basis, to stimulate jobs for young people?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Madam Speaker, in response to the hon. member I should like to point out that the unemployment rate for this March is still lower than it was for last March. Furthermore, in the first three months of this year we have created close to 140,000 new jobs in the country. It is the tenth month in a row in which we have had a rise in employment. It is the best record of any industrial country in the western world at this point in time.

However, it does not necessarily mean that we take great satisfaction from the fact that there are unemployed. It means that with all the various pressures we face in the world, particularly with the increases in pricing of oil and other energy commodities, the Canadian economy is still performing very well and is still providing good employment for Canadians.

### PLANS TO COMBAT URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North):** Madam Speaker, despite the suggestions of the minister, unemployment is still a problem. It continues to be a problem which the government has failed to solve despite a year in office.

In typical cities such as London, Ontario, the unemployment rate has risen from 5.5 per cent in March, 1980, to 8.1 per cent in March, 1981. Does the minister have any specific plans to attack the unemployment problems in Canadian cities?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Madam Speaker, if the hon. member had been in the House over the past several months he would know that a number of initiatives have already been taken. The Minister of Finance announced a \$350 million industrial adjustments program, designed specifically to respond to communities which are hard hit by lay-offs, such as many of those in southwestern Ontario. The program is being implemented now in those communities. It is providing major assistance in additional industrial grants and new jobs, as well as providing a number of labour market subsidies for new retraining programs. The