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[English]

PEACE

GREAT PEACE JOURNEY'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, 20 representatives of the Great Peace Journey from many countries around the world were here today and it was unfortunate that neither the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) nor any senior Minister of his Government found the time to meet and greet them. This group is visiting heads of states in 14 regions of the world to discuss five questions with world leaders. They have already met with Prime Minister Gandhi of India; the Foreign Minister of Australia, Mr. Hayden; and Prime Minister David Lange of New Zealand. In December they will meet with leaders of the Soviet Union and the United States. They have requested written answers to five questions and I wish the Government would at least study the questions and then determine how it wishes to answer.

The five fundamental questions from this group are:

(1) Are you willing to forbid your country's defence forces from leaving your own country's territory if all other UN countries do the same?

(2) Are you willing to forbid nuclear weapons and other—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I very much regret that the Hon. Member's time has expired.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

NORTHERN ONTARIO—REDUCTION IN UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, yesterday statements were made in the House implying that no jobs had been created in northern Ontario since this Government came to power. In 1980 northern Ontario's unemployment rate was 7.7 per cent. By 1982, under a Liberal Government, it had jumped to 13.5 per cent. The Conservative Government reacted to this situation and created more than 29,000 jobs, bringing unemployment in northern Ontario down to 10 per cent.

In the last two years 19,000 jobs were created in northeastern Ontario, and 10,000 in northwestern Ontario. There are 7,000 less unemployed workers in northern Ontario, and this is significant progress.

Our Government's policy on job creation is successful, and it will continue to introduce policies and programs to benefit every region of the country. Our record of achievement in job creation is one that is clear. No Member who sat on his hands while the previous Government raised the unemployment rate of northern Ontario from 7.7 per cent to 13.5 per cent can lecture this Government on job creation in northern Ontario.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

PORT OF VANCOUVER—REPORTED BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND UNION

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I have just learned that waterfront employers in Vancouver have announced that contract talks with the longshoremen's union have broken down. I am very concerned about this because there are still nine days to go before the end of the 30-day limit which the parties agreed to impose in order to continue negotiations. I also understand that the union does not want to go out and is willing to work all cargoes, including grain. On behalf of Members of Parliament I would like to appeal to the parties concerned to do everything possible to resume negotiations, in their own interests and those of Canada.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

RESULTS OF DE HAVILLAND'S SALE TO BOEING

Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, have you noticed that the opposition Parties have been extremely quiet lately about the sale of de Havilland to Boeing? Do you know why? It is because this is one of the great success stories of this decade. No jobs have been lost. In fact many more are anticipated. How about orders? They have increased dramatically. To quote this morning's *Ottawa Citizen*, "The roar of rivet guns, punch presses and lathes rarely stops at the sprawling de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. plant in northwest Toronto these days. They can't make airplanes fast enough".

I am sure all Canadians and all Members of this House will agree that the forward thinking, perceptive and timely action taken by the Government should be very widely applauded.

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[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

SITUATION OF EARLY RETIREES

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): This past weekend, Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of traveling to the Quebec City region where I met with people from Lévis, Quebec East and Langelier. Quebec City residents are wondering why this Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and