

I should like to refer to a recent article in the *Toronto Star* which talks about some rumbling in the Liberal caucus. It quotes the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State for Multiculturalism (Mr. Deniger) as saying that Nordair is:

—not an Ontario regional carrier. It's based in Montreal and we can't afford to lose another head office. That's my basic fear.

He goes on to say:

What you have to understand is that the airline industry is as important to Quebec as the auto industry is to Ontario. If we lose this industry, it's our economic future that's at stake.

I hear what the hon. member for La Prairie says. I have a great understanding and a great deal of sympathy for what he says. It does not sit well with me that what I hear from the other side, as a group, is that somehow they want these protections for their industries, but have, I sense, a lack of either genuine understanding or concern about the fact that these industries which must be centred somewhere else, could create an enormous amount of wealth for all of Canada. The view is that the government bails these industries out with handouts, whether they be airlines, the automobile industry as represented by Chrysler, or the tractor industry, such as Massey-Ferguson. They bail out these multinationals while the successful ones, the ones having no problems, are painted in some way as anti-Canadian. I ask why? It is claimed there is some drift of money south. Anyone who has looked at this situation will know that the vast majority of money which leaves this country is not because the companies are taking it out but rather because the government is paying interest on its foreign debt. Why is it paying interest on its foreign debt? It is paying on the money to buy out oil companies, but that is certainly not the only reason. Why did the government just spend a billion and a half dollars buying Petrofina? Perhaps so we could put a Maple Leaf flag up and call those stations Petro-Canada. Of course Canadians would like to have some participation in their oil industry, but there certainly must be other ways for Canadians to participate than by the government spending \$1.5 billion on something which will not create one more drop of oil. What this country needs to do is pay its debts and allow oil companies to get on with the business of finding more oil.

Whoever it was from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources who ran down to Mexico to purchase junk oil did not know what he was buying. If we never had junk food around we sure now have junk oil. Part of the Canadian myth is that oil is oil, is oil. There is a difference between light and medium weights, sweet crude or heavy oils. There is also the Maya oil which is thick, sludgy and its chemical content is high. In this deal the Mexicans arranged that the oil would be supplied at irregular intervals. This meant we would not necessarily receive the oil in the wintertime when we need it the most but that we could receive it all in the summertime. The deal arrived with a clause which said that we could not pass the oil from our country, it must remain in Canada. We do not have the refinery capacity to refine it, since all our heavy oil refineries are working to capacity. What are we doing? We are bringing in Mexican oil to the east coast of

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Canada. If must then be transported to western Canada in order to refine it there. At the same time the heavy oils from Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, and the Swift Current area are being shipped south into the United States because we do not have the refinery capacity for that type of oil in Canada. For a government which thought it was buying light or medium-weight sweet crude it certainly got a crude awakening when it found out this was heavy, sludgy oil dumped on us at enormous cost and inconvenience to the refineries. Once again, I would say that more dollars are leaving our country as a result of this mismanagement than are leaving for other reasons.

The government is moving to bail out the Chrysler Corporation which is now in trouble. Massey-Ferguson is also in trouble and the government is moving to bail it out. But these are different multinationals since they are based in the area of Canada where there appears to be a majority of Liberal support. All of a sudden multinationals are not so bad, they receive government aid. I do not know why they do not rename them Car-Can or Tractor-Can. Why doesn't the government nationalize these corporations? It prefers to pick out an industry which affects some province far away, a province in which it lacks support. The government therefore feels it has a legitimate right to gang up on it and use what muscle it has—although to me its muscles looks more like kneecaps on a sparrow than anything else. We in western Canada tend to think that Petro-Canada consists of those two doors behind a service station. We have not had a program of Canadianization, we have had a program of nationalization. A Calgary *Herald* survey indicated that 376 Canadian drilling rigs will move into the United States before the ramifications of the October 28 energy budget have come into effect. This move will cost Canadians some 22,000 jobs. What this means is that on the one hand Members of Parliament are being asked to give the government licence to go forward to international borrowing markets to obtain \$14 billion while on the other hand it is this same government which will chase out 22,000 jobs.

Let us take a look at the advantages to the people in the province of Ontario if we are to develop our regional capacity in the way in which it should be developed.

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One Dome Petroleum gas field on the Arctic coast of the five potential fields would produce 150,000 man-years of employment in Ontario throughout the life of that field. This development would have an enormous impact on the economy of Ontario. Yet this clandestine government in its view on the question of energy is causing the people of Ontario and Quebec the loss of jobs and the loss of economic growth. This past year two tar sands plants did not continue development because the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources was not able to negotiate a pricing arrangement on oil. This fact means a loss to Ontario of \$108 billion over the 25-year life of one tar sands plant. That is only one plant. Hon. members will bear in mind that we require nine plants if we are to reach energy self-sufficiency, and each plant would require 8 billion in initial investment.