

increase conventional arms in Europe. There may be another and a better route which would leave more money free for helping the developing world rather than to spend more money for defence, as the Hon. Member suggests.

REQUEST FOR RESTORATION OF CANADIAN COMMITMENT

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, would the Prime Minister not agree that NATO is the only effective peace movement this world has known during the past 30 years? Does it not make sense to restore the commitment which a former Liberal Government made under Mr. St. Laurent, when NATO was first formed, of 10,000 fully equipped men, an excellent force, and that that force be restored to its full size so we can play our full part and pay our full share of maintaining this most important peace movement that has taken place during the past 30 years?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Hon. Member would do me the courtesy of reading the "blues" and seeing what I said in answer to his first question, and then reflecting on it a little bit. All the Hon. Member is proposing in his second question, as in the first, is returning to what was. Would the Hon. Member also argue that we should rearm our 105s with nuclear warheads? This Government, when it made the decision to reduce the number of men in the European theatre, also decided to denuclearize our force in Europe. I see the Hon. Member nods his assent. This, presumably, has his support and I am very grateful for that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I simply asked did the Prime Minister live up to the commitment which a former Liberal Government made to help preserve the peace in this world.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INQUIRY

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. He undoubtedly knows that in the Throne Speech of April, 1980, the Government said:

As a major employer in Canada, my Government will play a leadership role by implementing affirmative action measures in the Public Service.

That was three and a half years ago. We have no programs before us. We have no legislation before us. All the Government has is an announcement that it will be doubling the number of women in the management category in a year and a half if the implementation programs are accepted and implemented. When will we have real action by the Government to bring affirmative action into the Public Service?

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Hon. Herb Gray (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend must have been on another planet for

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the past six months. Last June, jointly with the Minister responsible for the status of women, and other Ministers, I announced the extension of an affirmative action program across the entire Public Service, covering women as well as indigenous people and the handicapped. We did not simply announce a doubling of women in the management category. We announced the beginning of a program which would have a number of milestones, with action taken both in the short term and over the next two years. The announcement about doubling the number of women in the management category which, if my hon. friend were sincere, he would applaud, is only one of the initial steps we are taking as part of the extension of that affirmative action program across the entire Public Service. I would ask my hon. friend to come down to earth, and then he would know what is going on.

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CANADA LABOUR CODE

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour whose Department, I presume, is constantly examining the Canada Labour Code with a view to making amendments and updating that very important piece of legislation. Is the Minister considering introducing legislation in the foreseeable future to amend the Canada Labour Code? If so, will he indicate to the House the nature of those amendments? Would they be either extensive in terms of their number, or very meaningful in terms of the potential change to the Canada Labour Code now contemplated?

[Translation]

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Hon. Member for his question. I believe he is as anxious as I am to see the present session come to an end, and I can assure him that among the major projects the new session will include, there will be a Bill proposing a series of amendments to the Canada Labour Code.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

IMPACT ON INVESTMENT BY OIL COMPANIES

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources I will direct my question to the Minister of Finance. Arden Haynes, President of Imperial Oil, stated that Imperial Oil reduced its investment in Canada by \$6 billion because of the National Energy Program. What is the Minister's estimate of the total lost investment to Canada because of the NEP, and how many jobs will be lost because of this lost investment?