

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Beyond saying that the matter is under very active consideration, that we have had reports from our High Commissioner in Pakistan, that the department is doing what it can, and that the government has indicated its willingness to assist in solutions when they are found, there is nothing I can add of a more positive nature at this stage.

**Mr. Macquarrie:** May I ask the Prime Minister if the government intends to take the matter before a Commonwealth body or an appropriate United Nations body hopefully to bring about a settlement?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I cannot answer at this time, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** A supplementary question. Can the Prime Minister tell the House whether consultations are being undertaken with the United Nations, through United Nations agencies or with the government of the United States and the United Kingdom with a view to the political settlement of this tragic affair?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I am afraid I cannot answer that question either, Mr. Speaker. I will refer it to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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**TRADE****POSSIBLE ADMISSION OF GREAT BRITAIN INTO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET—CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY OF CANADIAN PRODUCTS INTO BRITISH MARKET**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** My question is for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the imminence of Great Britain's entry into the European Common Market and as the only assurances that have been made public regarding the continued entry of Commonwealth products into the British market have dealt with those of New Zealand, will the minister take the first opportunity on motions to outline to the House what assurances he has received regarding conditions of entry of Canadian products into the British market once that country enters the ECM?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Good Lord, Mr. Speaker, I have talked about that on such a number of occasions! The hon. member for Calgary Centre asked me for a global report. I have promised this to him. I might well do so on the budget debate and intend to give a full account of these matters, but I cannot—I know you are about to stop me, Mr. Speaker—discuss the whole issue in one minute.

**Mr. Hees:** I asked for a statement on motions. The minister has obviously not given any answer at any time. I have a supplementary question. The monthly breakdown between crude, semi-processed and manufactured products is normally made available about a week earlier than this each month and is now almost impossible to obtain. Is the holding up of that report due to the fact

[Mr. Macquarrie.]

that exports of manufactured products have fallen off during April even more than in the sharp fashion they did in the early months of the year?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think that answer might be given by the minister when he makes a statement on motions or whenever he makes a statement to the House, as he indicated when he replied to the original question.

**Mr. Hees:** Would the minister not take the first opportunity on motions to do this, that is, the next time he is in the House, rather than waiting for the budget debate or some time next fall, next spring or next year?

**Mr. Pepin:** I will find the reference in *Hansard*, but I gave this information about 10 or 15 days ago. I reported that for the last month about which I was talking at that time, probably April or March, the percentage of manufactured products in our exports had gone up to 40 per cent.

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**YOUTH****SUGGESTED PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLING STUDENTS IN MOSS PARK ARMOURY, TORONTO**

**Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview):** I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the fact that many students will be visiting Toronto this summer, thereby creating a serious accommodation problem, would the minister contact Toronto city officials and indicate that the federal government is willing to help these young people to find accommodation by making available the Moss Park Armoury?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** We have received no indication from the Toronto authorities that there is any need for the Moss Park Armoury. I would have to check to see whether or not, as last year, the facilities will be in use in connection with the student summer militia program.

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**AIR CANADA****PROVISION OF MAXIMUM EMPLOYMENT TO CANADIAN INDUSTRY IN PURCHASING AIRCRAFT**

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** In the absence of the Minister of Transport I would direct my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In light of the fact that the board of directors of Air Canada has postponed its decision with regard to the purchase of Tri-Star aircraft until June 10, can the minister assure the House that these directors are fully aware of the importance of making the purchase in a way which will provide the maximum of employment in the Canadian air industry having regard to the high rate of unemployment in the industry at the present time?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** I am quite sure they are aware of that, Mr. Speaker.