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immigration counselling abroad, by the new immigration selection system and by the timing of granting of immigrant visas. Similarly the area of destination in Canada is determined by these same factors, although the immigrant once landed in Canada has of course complete freedom of movement. It is the responsibility of our Canada manpower centres to place new immigrants in employment, to move them to areas of better opportunity, to give them language or other necessary training and to grant them necessary financial assistance during the initial settlement period.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—VIET NAM—ADVICE BY MINISTER TO TORONTO STUDENTS

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, the matter I wish to raise tonight I tried to raise almost a month ago. It arose from a Canadian Press despatch in the Vancouver *Sun* of November 4. Under the heading, "Arms Sales To United States Paying College Bills!" the article says:

Transport minister Paul Hellyer told 300 University of Toronto students Friday to "be careful not to become great moralists" over the Viet Nam war.

The former Liberal defence minister told one student questioner that part of his university education is being paid for by the sale of Canadian goods, including arms, to the U.S.

The student had said sales of war materials to the U.S. totalling \$300 million a year are "a crime against humanity."

I want to know whether the minister was speaking for the government in cautioning these students not to become great moralists over the Viet Nam war, and at the same time informing them that part of their university education was being paid for by the sale of Canadian goods, including arms, to the United States. I wish to sketch briefly the background of this question. The Toronto *Telegram* of November 6 published this special item from New York:

Quietly but steadily Canada is boosting its aid to the United States in the Viet Nam war although officially the government is opposed to the conflict.

Diplomatic observers believe the action could hurt Canada's posture as a determined peacemaker in the fighting—Canada is a member, with India and Poland, of the International Control Commission formed to supervise any truce in Viet Nam.

In Ottawa an external affairs spokesman said arms shipments hadn't reached the point where the government would have to reconsider its policy.

He added, the policy would need further study, "if U.S. defence contracts in Canada got completely out of hand."

We find a spokesman for the Department of External Affairs worrying about the way

Canadian arms contracts are mounting and saying that the policy will need further study if defence contracts in Canada get completely out of hand. When we couple this with the fact that last year only one defence contract was awarded to the Canadian Commercial Corporation in Ottawa, Canada's official government buying agency, which then distributes these contracts to the firms, we find the position in marked contrast to that of this year. This year the number of U.S. contracts Canada has are set out in great detail by the *Telegram*. If my mathematics are correct, they total this year \$264,529,831.

• (10:10 p.m.)

These students, as I say, are in an invidious position. They are worried and concerned, even as the spokesman for the Department for External Affairs is worried and concerned about the mounting sale of Canadian arms to Viet Nam. Yesterday, the Montreal *Star* informed us that United States aircraft have to date dropped more bombs on Viet Nam than were dropped on Europe during the whole of the second world war. In such a situation as this the students are justified in feeling concerned. If the government is suggesting to them that they should not be overly moral in their approach to this question, and telling them at the same time that their education is being paid for in part by sales of arms to the United States, the position is a most peculiar one. It seems to me that students should not be placed in such a position.

I think the government should act now to cut out this bloody trade—and I use the word "bloody" advisedly—which is blasting the very life out of the people of Viet Nam. I think action should be taken now to leave our students with clean hands and clean minds. If sales of arms to the United States are indeed helping to pay for their education we should act in such a way as to leave students free to protest about this thing which concerns each one of us, as it concerns the Department of External Affairs; they should be free to protest without being told by a government spokesman, the Minister of Transport in this case, that they should not take an overly moral approach to the situation in Viet Nam. I want to know where the government stands on this question.

I hope the minister will look up the record tomorrow and read what I have said; I notice that he has only just arrived. I should like him to explain why we should inculcate in these students a desire not to be overly moral