

senior member of External Affairs in Ottawa and, if either an official or Minister of the Crown was informed of this possibility, why was action not taken then to evacuate Canadians?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, there was information conveyed to the Government about the Friday meeting between our High Commissioner and the eastern Caribbean heads of government when they met in Barbados. But that was in the context of the question we were then discussing, about whether or not we should extend recognition to the new regime.

The House will recall that the then Acting Minister said that we were consulting other countries in the area. It was in the framework of these consultations that certain statements of eastern Caribbean state leaders were made to the effect that something should be done, and the idea of having some physical intervention was expressed by one of them. However, I know of no planning and, according to all of our information, certainly there was no involvement of the United States at that point.

I repeat what I said earlier. I think the decision to have an actual invading force was taken some time between late Sunday and late Monday. That was well after the events to which the Hon. Member is referring.

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION TO CANADIAN AUTHORITIES

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, if it is the case that the High Commissioner of Canada was provided with a variety of options last Friday, including the possibility of invasion, would the Prime Minister tell the House if this was conveyed to the Government of Canada over the weekend? If so, in addition to dealing with the problems of Canadians residing in Grenada, why did the Government of Canada during that weekend not send back its opposition, in the strongest possible terms, to any possible invasion?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, because the first real news that we had of the invasion was Tuesday morning. The first suspicion that we had that an invasion might take place was Monday night. The moment that I heard about it I did ask for that message to be sent.

What happened on Friday was not, as the Hon. Member said in misquoting me, that a variety of options, including invading, was put to us. There was a group of leaders who were expressing their strong feelings about the events that had taken place in Grenada. There was no plan for invasion, nor was that option put to us. But, as a result of those events in the preceding week, we did take steps to try to ensure the safe evacuation, if need be, of Canadian nationals who were in Grenada. That much we did attempt to do.

The House was told by the Acting Secretary of State how our attempts to have a LIAT charter plane evacuate Canadians were frustrated by the elapse of time and hesitation of some of the authorities involved in the Caribbean area.

Oral Questions

EMPLOYMENT

EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT'S JOB-CREATION PROGRAMS IN CALGARY

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. According to his employment creation formulas, for one program he uses data that is 54 months out of date, while in another the date is 18 months out of date. In each riding of the city of Calgary he creates 5.5 jobs for every 8,000 unemployed. Is it the Minister's opinion that that is an adequate response to unemployment in the City of Calgary?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, I think that is virtually the same question that the Hon. Member asked me last week. If he will check *Hansard*, he will find that the answer is exactly the same today.

SUGGESTION THAT LOTTERY ALLOCATE JOBS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, it has been suggested by a constituent that the Minister conduct a lottery for those 5.5 jobs for 8,000 people. Will the Minister fund a lottery to choose the 5.5 people who get a job?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Personally, Madam Speaker, I am not very inclined to lotteries. I am not certain that the hon. gentleman means his suggestion seriously.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INELIGIBILITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERMEN

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. On September 21 the Minister indicated that he was looking at options to deal with the problems faced by Newfoundland inshore fishermen as a result of a catch failure. There are over 2,000 fishermen involved. The Minister has been contacted by the fishermen's union and by the Newfoundland Government. Has he now examined the options? What action is the Minister prepared to take in view of the fact that these fishermen do not qualify for unemployment insurance?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, that is, in contrast to the previous question, a very sensible one. I have been, as the Hon. Member has suggested, examining the situation. I have asked for a set of proposals in relation to it. I had hoped to have those recommendations today. I expect to have them tomorrow or very early next week. Once I have seen them and been able to choose among the various options which my officials have