

Inquiries of the Ministry

landed immigrant status, and I should expect this to be granted him very shortly.

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COMMUNICATIONS**CLOSING OF TORONTO "TELEGRAM"—POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT ACTION TO MAINTAIN OPERATION**

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): My question to the Prime Minister is with respect to the possible sale and windups of the Toronto *Telegram*. Would the Prime Minister consider trying to arrange a meeting with Mr. Bassett and representatives of all parties concerned with a view to arriving at a temporary moratorium in the hope that arrangements could be made to rescue the jobs of the 1200 employees involved and also to continue this paper in the public interest?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): In view of Mr. Bassett's own statement and position, Mr. Speaker, I think I must answer that question in the negative.

Mr. Ryan: A supplementary question. Does the Prime Minister not believe that it is never too late to mend and that this is a very serious situation in Toronto which involves political and social—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Fundy-Royal.

EFFECT OF COMPETITION ACT ON OPERATIONS OF NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): A supplementary question directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. When the Competition Act becomes law will rationalization of newspaper operations be less inhibited than is now the case under the Combines Act?

Mr. Bell: Just the ones in the Maritimes.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the bill is before Parliament. I would not want to speculate on what it turns into because we are asking for public comment on the bill and it may well be amended. Certainly, the whole purpose of the Competition Act as proposed in Bill C-256 is to put forward a far more flexible approach to industrial organization than is possible under the existing Combines Investigation Act.

CLOSING OF TORONTO "TELEGRAM"—POSSIBLE DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR DAVEY

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): A supplementary question. Has the Prime Minister had any discussions with Senator Davey about this Toronto *Telegram* matter?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Senator who?

[Mr. Lang.]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**LAY-OFFS BY GENERAL MOTORS—POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF MANPOWER SERVICES**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): A supplementary for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that 1200 jobs will be involved in the present announcement which the Prime Minister reacts to so lightly today, can the minister say anything specific—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member wants to ask a question, which he has a right to do by way of supplementary, perhaps he might ask the question directly.

Mr. Lundrigan: My question is almost complete. Can the Minister of Manpower and Immigration indicate whether his department is in any way involved in trying to help the 1200 employees who are faced with the possibility of loss of employment.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): We certainly will be, and again it will be important to notice that the range of facilities will include attempting to find other employment for people who may be laid off, and in providing appropriate mobility grants if those are applicable when the men involved are suitable for jobs available elsewhere in Canada.

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• (4:30 p.m.)

HEALTH**PROPOSED BAN ON CIGARETTE ADVERTISING—EFFECT OF ANNOUNCEMENT BY INDUSTRY ON GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION**

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, but in his absence would you permit me to ask one of his colleagues to take note of it. Having in mind the significant announcement made today by the tobacco industry of Canada that at the end of this year it will discontinue all television and radio cigarette advertising, my question is this: will this announcement deter the government from proceeding in due course with its amending legislation to cover all forms of advertising, including printed forms relating to that dangerous product?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Edmonton Centre.

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YOUTH**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON THE STATUS OF THOSE RECEIVING PAYMENTS**

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In light of the fact that university enrolment is down by 75,000 from that expected by the Economic Council of Canada because of student unemployment this summer, and in light of the