

All I can tell him is that I have had quite a number of discussions with the Secretary of State of the United States, Mr. Shultz, in the course of the past year, and at no point has he ever registered with me the view which the Hon. Member has attributed to the United States Cabinet officers.

I have pointed out to Mr. Shultz, on at least one occasion, and maybe more than one occasion, that Canada is committed to 3 per cent real growth in its defence expenditures. We intend to carry that out. We have undertaken modernization of the forces, and the annual nominal increase in our defence expenditures is quite substantial. If the Hon. Member would look at the rate of nominal growth in defence in comparison with other sectors of government expenditures, he would conclude that the amount spent on defence is quite impressive. I have no reason to accept the words of anonymous Cabinet officers as against the conclusions I draw from direct conversations with the Secretary of State of the United States, Mr. Shultz.

**Mr. Hees:** If I were allowed a supplementary question, I would murder him.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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## INDUSTRY

### IMPACT OF MEXICAN INDUSTRIAL ZONE ON CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. As the Minister knows, Mexico is developing a 50-mile wide industrial zone immediately south of the United States, bordering on the United States, and is promoting the moving in of both American and Canadian manufacturing industries where the labour rate cost burden is on average 92 cents per hour. I would like to know what our Government, through the Minister's Department, is prepared to do to stem the flow of Canadian manufacturing industries, not just United States branch plants in Canada but Canadian industries, into that industrial zone where labour rates are about 90 cents or 92 cents per hour.

**Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member should know that what Mexico is doing with respect to trying to encourage industry around the world to develop, by using its cheaper labour rates, is not something which just happened in the last couple of days. That is one of the reasons why we proposed—and it was adopted by all Parties in the House—the IRDP program to enable the Government to be proactive in encouraging small and medium-sized as well as large companies across the country to undertake investment programs to create more industrial jobs. We have the program. Now the question is: do we have the projects from the private sector right across Canada?

## Oral Questions

### CROWN CORPORATIONS

#### REQUEST FOR FULL DISCLOSURE OF SALARIES PAID SENIOR EXECUTIVES

**Mr. John Gamble (York North):** Mr. Speaker, a short time ago the acting Prime Minister took some pride in disclosing the list which was published giving upper and lower salary limits for senior quasi-public servants of Crown corporations. I wonder if he would like to take a further step and indicate why it is that the Government cannot indeed publish the salaries paid to chief executive officers, some of which extend to the limit of \$228,000 per year, and in that way make full disclosure not only to the House but to the people of Canada?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the information which was tabled was in compliance with the law passed by the Parliament of Canada. Obviously with respect to public servants, we have made public the range of salary. In this particular case, because it is impossible to find anything equivalent to a range, we have shown the maximum salary and the lowest salary. One should not draw the inference that every person in that category is eligible to receive the maximum salary. The Hon. Member may find a good deal of value by referring to a survey which was published this year in the *Financial Times*, showing the salaries of top executives in the private sector which, in many cases, were much more than salaries paid in the public sector for those who, in some cases, were operating much larger and more expensive public corporations.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for St. John's East.

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, my question has been preempted by the early departure of the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

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## FISHERIES

#### ALLOCATION OF FISH TO PLANT AT FERMEUSE, NFLD.

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Fisheries of Oceans my question is directed to his parliamentary assistant, who is not yet dry behind the ears. The Government has promised a resource-short plant program to supply fish to inshore plants which do not have offshore vessels, so that they can operate longer in the year. In particular, this was a promise made to the plant at Fermeuse in my district, and to the people there, some three or four months ago. Can the Parliamentary Secretary tell me when that program will commence? When will fish start to be landed at Fermeuse or other inshore plants? Is the Minister prepared to permit foreign trawlers to be used to catch this fish if no satisfactory arrangements as to payment can be made with Canadian trawlers?