

end, an event which resulted in the loss of another fisherman and another fishing vessel. Do we not have enough helicopters in our own service in order to meet safety needs, particularly when a fishing season is opening?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will make inquiries as to the reasons for asking the United States for their very generous assistance to us.

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### TRANSPORT

#### INQUIRY AS TO EXAMINATION OF VESSELS BEFORE START OF FISHING SEASON ON WEST COAST

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Mr. Speaker, I think we all appreciate this assistance when it is given, but I feel we should have our own service. In the absence of the Minister of Transport, perhaps his parliamentary secretary could make note of the following question: will it be possible to report that the examination into the events of the last fishing season, which resulted in a report and recommendation, terminated with an examination of all the fishing vessels before they went out on the present fishing season?

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member repeat the first part of that question? I am sorry, but I missed it.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Last year there was a report prepared by the Ministry of Transport—at our insistence, I might add—and there were a number of recommendations in that report. I should like an assurance that those recommendations resulted in inspections of all fishing vessels before they went out on the present fishing season, and particularly on the west coast.

**Mr. Goodale:** I am not sure if I can give that firm assurance to the hon. member. I know there were extensive discussions earlier this year in connection with this matter with the people involved in the fishing industry. I will check specifically to see if the precise inspections which the hon. member has mentioned were in fact undertaken. However, substantial precautionary measures were taken by the Ministry of Transport prior to the beginning of this fishing season.

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### FISHERIES

#### SEALS—INTENTION OF GREENPEACE ORGANIZATION TO INTERFERE WITH HUNT—SUGGESTED ANALYSIS OF GREEN DYE TO BE USED BY GREENPEACE ORGANIZATION

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State (Fisheries). In view of the fact that the seal hunt will be starting in a few days, and since some 2,000 seal hunters are dependent on the seal hunt for their livelihood or a good part of their livelihood, has the minister yet received an application from the Greenpeace organization

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to enter the seal hunt in order to cause interference and damage, as they intend?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to inform the hon. member that to my knowledge we have not received any application. I have made it clear publicly that if there are people representing different movements which want to observe the hunt but not interfere with it, we would make arrangements for them to do so. We have done this in the past for other movements which have strong feelings on this issue. The regulations which prohibit interference with the hunt are very clear. They have been on the books for a number of years, and they will be applied in the ordinary manner.

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**Mr. Marshall:** In order to avoid counterinterference by many fishermen who hunt seals, and in view of the fact that they are adamant in wanting to avoid any unfortunate incidents, will the minister accept my suggestion to have the green dye which they propose to use analyzed to discover its effect on seals and also the relationship of the mother seal to the pup, and if he has that information would he have this analysis carried out or direct the Food and Drug Directorate through the Minister of National Health and Welfare to carry out this analysis to ensure that the seal population in Newfoundland and the Atlantic region is not destroyed?

**Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent):** I certainly agree completely with the premise of the hon. gentleman's question regarding the income of fishermen. It is for that very reason that regulations of the seal hunt have as their goal wise conservation because seal hunting is an important source of income. It represents in some cases \$2,000 to \$3,000 to individuals who have no access to other income at that time of the year.

As to the matter of dye, I have said that we have regulations to prevent interference with the hunt. I have asked my scientists to look into the implications of the use of dye, but I believe that the use of dye would not be any more acceptable than the use of aeroplanes or helicopters to frighten the herds when they are whelping.

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### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, but in his absence I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister who at times is the source of all wisdom. My question has to do with the recent statement of the Ontario government which expects a very bad summer for students, up to a million of whom will be looking for jobs. Accordingly, it is attempting to meet this crisis situation. Does the Acting Prime Minister also believe this will be a bad summer for students with regard to available jobs for them and does he believe that present federal programs are adequate to meet the situation? Is the