

## IMMIGRATION

### DECISION TO STOP PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MEMBERS OF AN ANARCHIST DELEGATION

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. At a special immigration inquiry convened in Toronto yesterday, 14 Americans and one West German, who were members of an anarchist delegation and who took part in a violent and ugly rampage through downtown Toronto on Monday, were suddenly freed after immigration enforcement officers were ordered, from on high, to drop the cases and testimony that they had prepared against these individuals.

Will the Minister explain why the Government made a back-room deal to drop the cases that would have prevented these people from ever returning to Canada without special permission? Does the Minister believe that this kind of sweetheart arrangement will engender public confidence in the system, when such violent radicals will have full opportunity to return, while so many relatives of Canadians, for example, are denied the legitimate right of visiting or gaining landed immigrant status in Canada? For whom is the law working?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, in this case the law was working to get them out of the country, which I would have thought the Hon. Member would have supported. There is no secret deal. The counsel for the 13 Americans and one West German gave assurances to the adjudicator that her clients would leave the country. To my certain knowledge, I believe 13 of the 14 have already left. We are seeking confirmation on the 14.

There was nothing behind the scenes about it. It was an assurance that was given to the adjudicator. Since the objective was to have them leave the country so that we can do more for people who are trying to bring in relatives and so on, it was a perfectly appropriate action.

### MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister had the obligation to uphold and apply the law, and to send a strong message that such violent elements are not welcome in Canada. She abandoned her obligation. That is most regrettable.

Given that these 15 individuals were charged with property damage, mischief, obstructing and assaulting police, escaping custody and resisting arrest, is she not worried that she has set a very dangerous precedent in cutting a deal that is very convenient to these culprits? Why does she believe that the price of the important principle in barring these people from re-entering Canada and of sending a clear signal to other like-minded radicals, is a price not worth paying? Since these

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individuals were not deported, they are allowed to return into the country scot-free.

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, under the process in place at the moment, it would have taken another two or three years to get them out of the country, as the Hon. Member well knows. He also knows that we are trying to change that, but I will not get into that again.

Let me just say that these people are now gone and they will not come back.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### SITUATION OF OLDER WORKERS

**Ms. Marion Dewar (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour. It has been almost three years since the Standing Committee on Employment and Immigration recommended to the Minister of Labour that there be a program for older workers. It recognized the plight of older workers.

It has been two years since the Minister declared his program. Why does he continue to blame the provinces? When will he meet the promise to older workers of Canada and implement the program?

**Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, let me put the record straight. I do not blame all the provinces. There are definitely some provinces that are not cooperating the way they should. I believe that the plight of older workers is the responsibility of all governments in Canada, including the provincial governments. Hopefully with their cooperation the program will be announced soon.

### FUNDING OF PROPOSED PROGRAM

**Ms. Marion Dewar (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, 41 per cent of older workers are frustrated and depressed, and have actually left the labour market. If the Minister is sincere about implementing the program, why does he not take the advice of the committee and contribute 100 per cent of funds to implement the program and keep his promise?

**Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, the Opposition always comes back with the 100 per cent program. Let me remind the Hon. Member, who, like myself as a matter of fact, was not here at the time, that that program was not for all older workers. It was discriminatory in that it dealt only with older workers in particular domains. The program we are proposing will deal with all older workers.