

*Oral Questions*

of Canadian synagogues occurred. In the Ottawa area, swastikas were painted at the scene of a golf course.

I am ashamed that the Premier of British Columbia condones a "Christian only" policy in his party and even made anti-Jewish jokes.

Many of these acts are blamed on neo-Nazi skinheads who are recruiting young Canadians.

\* \* \*

[Translation]

**MEECH LAKE ACCORD**

**Mr. Yvon Côté (Richmond—Wolfe):** Mr. Speaker, it has been over ten years since the majority of Quebecers voted no in the referendum after what was described as a major and memorable intervention by former Prime Minister of Canada Pierre Trudeau. He did assure them that no meant yes to renewed federalism, and I quote: If the answer to the referendum question is no, we all said that the no will be interpreted as a mandate to change the Constitution and renew federalism.

But after patriating the Constitution in 1982 without the agreement of Quebec, Mr. Speaker, the former Prime Minister reneged on his promise.

This is why I consider that the current Meech Lake Accord is the obvious sign of the fairness and efficiency of the constitutional program and objectives of the Prime Minister of Canada. I for one hope that he will be able to win the faith and good will of all Canadians.

\* \* \*

[English]

**MOTHER'S DAY**

**Mr. Rey Pagtakhan (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday was Mother's Day 1990. Canadians celebrate this day to show reverence to all mothers and to appreciate the sacrifices they endure for their children throughout their living years.

Lest we forget, let me quote a few lines from Susan Kastner's reflections in "Mother has Reason to Weep" which appeared in yesterday's *Toronto Star*.

There are mothers weeping over children who have disappeared—; who weep while they hold their starving children in their laps; —who weep for daughters and sons—sold into

prostitution to get the family a little to eat; —who weep because their young are being murdered by drugs; —who weep because their children will grow up paying forever for the colour of their skin; —who weep for children sent to war; there are mothers who weep because there are no jobs for their men or for themselves, and the future holds no prospect of jobs for their children.

Yes, mothers continue to think of their children and men. We in Parliament should think always of all mothers and of those for whom they weep.

\* \* \*

**STATUS OF WOMEN**

**Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, it has become obvious to even the most casual observer that the priorities of this government are misplaced.

The Minister responsible for the Status of Women and her colleague, the Secretary of State, are making much of the reinstated funding for women's centres, but this action betrays the shallowness of this government's commitment to women in Canada.

Bill C-69 will limit funding transfers for child care, for shelter for battered women, for income support. That is the Tory commitment to women and children in this country.

Women and their children are the victims of this government's misplaced priorities. It has cut the Canada Assistance Plan, it has cut UI coverage, it has clawed back old age pensions and it has clawed back family allowance. This government has no commitment to women's equity. It has no commitment to children. Its priorities are misplaced and wrongheaded and Canadian women will neither forgive nor forget this government for its insistent attack upon them.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

**STATUS OF WOMEN**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. This morning I and other members of the Official Opposition met in an open and constructive public dialogue with members of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, a widely based group