

team of CFM-TV, and Gale a nurse. Both are community minded volunteers. Four of their children are exemplary students as these letters of support indicate.

However their family's claim for refugee status has been denied four years later. Worse, the department has issued notices and made travel plans for all but the youngest member of the Rees family, a Canadian born two-year old. What does the minister propose to do to advance the interests of this young Canadian who will be deprived of his parents? Is it not time for the minister of immigration to become involved in the issue?

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### ISRAEL

**Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North):** Mr. Speaker, on March 18 yet another terrorist attack was carried out by enemies of Israel, this time against the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires. More than 11 people were killed and over 130 wounded.

Terrorist attacks such as this do not intimidate the Jewish people. They only serve to identify the perpetrators as inhuman cowards, consumed with blind sadistic malevolence.

The Jewish community and friends of the Jewish community once again feel the searing pain of racist acts of hate and once again experience a sense of revulsion and renewed solidarity against such acts and such people.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona):** Mr. Speaker, for some time I and many other Canadians, including members of this House, have been concerned about the plight of Christine Lamont and David Spencer.

Recently the archbishop of Sao Paulo has written to the Canadian government, to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, urging the minister to do that which is necessary in order for these two young people to be released from the terrible predicament they are in, and that is to make a formal request for their expulsion from Brazil.

The government has yet to do this. It is a strange situation where we have almost a consensus in Brazil, and particularly on the part of the church, that these people are innocent and they do not deserve what is being meted out to them in a foreign country. Yet it is their own government which refuses to act.

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I hope the Prime Minister will intervene, as it has been suggested he might, and make sure that this expulsion order is given and given soon so that these young people might be returned to Canada.

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[Translation]

### VERY HIGH SPEED TRAIN

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est):** Mr. Speaker, the Quebec business community feels an act of faith is needed to make the construction and operation of a Quebec-Windsor very high speed railway line a reality and many are those who have acted already.

The office for the economic development of greater Quebec has been given the mandate to monitor this project closely. To this end, the office thought it would be advisable to join the very high speed train service benefits office to allow its members to gain access to strategic information. It will also encourage essential alliances for technology transfers, business linkage as well as the establishment of new firms to take advantage of the vitality of our region. It is with that in mind, that the Quebec urban community and the city of Quebec have decided to sponsor the very high speed train service benefits office. This project will be a determining factor in our social and economic development as we enter the 21st century.

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[English]

### PEACE BRIDGE

**Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie):** Mr. Speaker, I have received two letters re special clearance lanes and their success at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie. The one from Mayor Teal in part reads:

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As spring break approaches, you will no doubt recall the grid lock situation that occurred on the bridge one year ago. The changes that were put in place in response to that event and to the traffic problems being experienced on the bridge have been extremely successful.

The second is from the bridge authority and reads:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the federal Government of Canada for their initiatives in instituting the "Special Lanes" at the Peace Bridge last year. From our perspective, the implementation and continued operation of the "Special Lanes" had a definite positive impact on the movement of traffic on our facility into Canada—From our perspective, the positive results continue to