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for certain communities to be provided with regional service without long distance fees.

Mr. Speaker, at first sight one is tempted to welcome these relaxed criteria proposed by Bell Canada. But on closer examination of the proposals, they are unacceptable. Because of the new proposed criteria, only 40 new interconnections will be possible in Quebec and the implementation period needed will be six years. Moreover, of the 40 new interconnections in Quebec, 80 per cent involve three major cities in central Quebec, such as Montreal, Trois-Rivières and Sherbrooke. There is practically nothing for remote areas.

The Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean area is a typical example, although the removal of long distance fees for calls between Jonquière and Ville de la Baie, a long awaited economic boon, has been requested for a number of years.

Mr. Speaker, the CRTC must turn down the new criteria as proposed. It should require Bell Canada to submit a special development plan for communities in remote areas.

Mr. Speaker, Bell Canada is the largest telephone company in Canada. It enjoys a monopoly situation and has always been protected. The CRTC is in a position to require Bell Canada to submit a special development plan to cope with the needs of remote areas.

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[English]

## HUMAN RIGHTS

## RAOUL WALLENBERG—CALL FOR ACTION BY CANADA

**Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton-Lawrence):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the Honourable Per Anger, who is the former Swedish Ambassador to Canada, is in Canada today to express and share with us his experiences as a former colleague of Raoul Wallenberg and, once again, to bring to our attention the fact that Raoul Wallenberg is a prisoner in the Soviet Union. I would, therefore, like to bring to the attention of the House, that on January 16, the forty-second anniversary of the arrest of Raoul Wallenberg, I said that because of the fact he is now an honorary citizen of Canada it is incumbent upon our Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) to do all that he can to secure Mr. Wallenberg's return to freedom.

I would like on this day to call upon the Minister of State for External Affairs to tell us what are his intentions and what action he will take in order that Canada may be in the forefront in its concern to bring Raoul Wallenberg back to freedom, thus guaranteeing his human rights.

## ENERGY

## EXPANSION OF OIL INDUSTRY'S ACTIVITIES IN ALBERTA

**Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw to the attention of the House, and especially to the doomsters and gloomsters in the opposition Parties, the latest figures published by *Oilweek* magazine concerning the sale of oil rights in my home province of Alberta.

The final 1985 Alberta energy and natural resources land sale, as of December 11, brought in a total of \$53.7 million, the highest total since March 26, 1980. This increase boosted the 1985 total to \$796 million, the third largest in the province's history. What we are seeing today is the result of many of our Government's initiatives—the Western Accord, the new spirit of co-operation with the provinces, the forthright Budget we presented last May, and the favourable economic climate now prevailing in Canada. The most important thing, however, is that this high level of activity in the oil patch is creating thousands of jobs for Albertans and for Canadians right across the country.

We have reversed the tide of unemployment and dependency upon Government. We have revived the entrepreneurial spirit in Canada and people are responding to the challenge. This the Liberals could never do. That is what responsible Government is all about.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF PRESIDENT OF THE RAOUL WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION

**Mr. Speaker:** May I indicate to Members the presence in our galleries today of the former Swedish Ambassador to Canada, now President of the Raoul Wallenberg Association, the Hon. Per Anger.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

• (1415)

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## THE ADMINISTRATION

## CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBERAL PARTY CAUCUS MEETINGS

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. I have in my hand a transcript of the words of the Deputy Prime Minister in which he admitted he improperly listened to, eavesdropped or, if you like, was associated with the bugging of private meetings of the Liberal caucus.

In light of what the Minister of National Defence and Deputy Prime Minister said, I ask the Prime Minister whether