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EDUCATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, ACCESS Education is a made-in-Manitoba program for particular groups that are not well represented. It is funded jointly by the federal and provincial governments.

This program has produced doctors, nurses, teachers, and lawyers. It has been a great success, particularly for women's groups and our aboriginal people. Our first aboriginal doctor in Manitoba came from this program.

It has been a model not only for Manitoba, but for other provinces and for the territories. In fact, other countries have also looked at this model because it has been so successful.

It is now being threatened by the federal government because of its refusal to sign the Northern Development Agreement and, therefore, it risks being lost. It is not just another blow to Manitoba, but another blow to education. We all know that there have been many, many such blows.

I urge the minister to make a commitment today and to renew that agreement now.

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CHALLENGE '90

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to rise so that I may inform our colleagues in the House about an exciting new partnership venture between the police and youth of our country.

The Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship and the Minister of State for Youth jointly announced this co-operative community initiative yesterday. During the coming summer, 90 young Canadians from visible minority and aboriginal communities will be offered a unique opportunity to work with 16 police forces across Canada.

Entitled "Challenge '90", this summer employment project will give these young men and women a chance to become more familiar with law enforcement work.

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They will also have the opportunity to decide if the police force might be their own calling.

This \$326,000 initiative is an expansion of a pilot project initiated through the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police with the Vancouver Police, which was sponsored last year by Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada.

Several students have since expressed a keen interest in law enforcement, and we can again look forward to much success this year with these minority youth/police employment programs.

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NICARAGUA

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, recent events in Nicaragua are cause for concern that the United States is not satisfied with democracy having been achieved in that country.

Dissatisfaction remains in Washington with the fact that the Sandinistas are still a major political force and that Violeta Chamorro has had the intelligence and judgment to treat them with the respect that they are due.

Elements within the Contras and within UNO, the anti-Sandinista coalition, seem bent on totally destroying the Sandinistas and their achievements in social and agrarian reform. To this end, it seems they may have succeeded in moving President Chamorro from her original wise and conciliatory approach toward a situation in which, by presidential decrees, she is provoking a kind of unrest that can be used by some to justify further anti-Sandinista strategies and perhaps even American intervention.

In the meantime, promised American aid for Nicaragua is still on hold. There is lots of money for the military in El Salvador, but none for democracy in Nicaragua.

Mrs. Chamorro has committed the real sin of Central American politics. She has had the audacity to have a mind of her own and to put Nicaragua first.

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TRADE

Mr. Ken Monteith (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House the fact that the United States has decided to drop duties levied on