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Soviet official, are victims of injustice. Indian women who have lost their birthright under the Indian Act, and who no longer trust promises, are victims of injustice. On this anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, let us jointly resolve that these and other violations of human rights in Canada should end once and for all.

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[Translation]

CROWN CORPORATIONS

CANADAIR—POSITION OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Mr. Pierre Deniger (La Prairie): Mr. Speaker, today's edition of the newspaper *La Presse* gives us the latest position of the Progressive Conservative Party on the Canadair question. In fact, the industrial critic, the Member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson) said that if it ever had the choice, the Conservative Government would not close down Canadair and that perhaps the company could be made to produce a different product altogether. This is rather surprising, Mr. Speaker, especially considering that on November 1 of this year, the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) was saying on the radio at CKVL that he would sell Canadair to the private sector. As if the private sector would bother to buy Canadair! This latest solution is even more surprising, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that at the beginning of this year, the Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) and the Member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) were prepared to cut off funding to Canadair and let the company die. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, during the leadership campaign, the Leader of the Official Opposition had envisaged sending the Member for York-Peel with a pair of scissors to settle the Canadair question.

Mr. Speaker, this proves once and for all that the Progressive Conservatives have no position, that when one of their Members dares to express his views, when he is contradicting all the others, the Progressive Conservatives abide by the rule that silence is golden.

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[English]

MULTICULTURALISM

CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT

Mr. Laverne Lewycky (Dauphin-Swan River): Mr. Speaker, the New Democratic Party is committed to seeing that multiculturalism is a way of life in Canada and not a mere policy of tokenism. We welcome the Government's announcement in the Speech from the Throne indicating its intention to introduce a Multiculturalism Act.

On October 5, 1983, I asked the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to create a full department of multiculturalism. The Prime Minister responded that the present arrangement is ideal. We, therefore, urge the Government to give second sober thought and enlarge the scope of the new Act it proposes. We ask that a full Department of Multiculturalism be part of the Act. We ask that the Department have its own Deputy Minister, something that all ethnocultural groups have been requesting. We call on the Government to establish a permanent Standing Committee of the House on Multiculturalism. We do not want a mere paper document on multiculturalism without any structural changes to the present multicultural directorate.

We ask that the Special Parliamentary Task Force on visible Minorities be reconstituted immediately. We ask the Government to increase its activity in the area of establishing ethnic chairs, completing more ethnocultural group studies, and creating material of a more popular nature that would enable Canadians of all ethnocultural groups to understand and share more deeply their own cultural heritage as well as that of their fellow Canadian citizens.

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DISARMAMENT

CONCERN EXPRESSED BY NIAGARA COLLEGE STUDENTS

Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland): Mr. Speaker, over the break which we had just a little bit earlier I had occasion to speak with students from Niagara College. At that time it was brought to my attention that the concerns of these people were for the nuclear issue that we are facing. This discussion came up with them in terms of a class which they were taking on stress. They decided to do something about it, and they did raise a petition. I do not intend to present a petition now, but I want to point out that, in my area at least, young people in school have been in contact with me in regard to the problems they see in their own young lives.

I especially would like to commend today the students of Niagara College who did indeed take the bull by the horns, as it were, and come to me to see to it that their concerns were made known here in the House of Commons. I commend all Members here, but most especially the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Minister of External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen), to see to it that everything is done that can possibly be done to see that nuclear war is averted and that there is a freeze on nuclear weapons.

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION BY MR. CHÉNIER

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, may I first rise to congratulate the Hon. Member for Timmins-Chapleau (Mr. Chénier) on his courage, wisdom, and foresight in resigning his seat in the House of Commons