

[English]

THE LATE KARL HILSINGER

Mr. Bill Winegard (Guelph—Wellington): Mr. Speaker, the man known as the "Silver-Suited Skier" has died. Karl Hilsinger, former Canadian Football League all-star and sports consultant to the War Amputations of Canada, died of a heart attack last Thursday. He was 56.

We will all remember Karl Hilsinger as the double-leg amputee who appeared in television commercials about the Child Amputee Program, the CHAMP program, sponsored by the War Amputations of Canada.

Karl participated in the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary. He joined with several others in the CHAMP program in skiing demonstrations and he took part in the Olympic Torch relay. During that relay, he refused to use a wheelchair. He carried the torch while walking on what he called his stubbies.

Karl's passing is a tragic loss to the 1,200 young amputees in the CHAMP program. According to Cliff Chadderton of the War Amps, the children worshipped him. He set the standard for how to overcome a disability. He was a man who dedicated his life to others. He will stand tall in our memories.

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THE LATE BERNT CARLSSON

Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt): Mr. Speaker, I am sure I speak for all of us when I express our sorrow over the tragic crash last night in Scotland of a Pan Am Boeing 747 en route from London to New York.

The New Democrats have suffered a particular loss in that crash, for one of the passengers on that flight was Bernt Carlsson, the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and a well-known member of our international socialist family.

The New Democratic Party had worked with Mr. Carlsson for more than a decade, especially since his election as Secretary General of the Socialist International in 1976. We were witness to his untiring efforts to improve East-West relations and to address problems of underdevelopment and conflict in the Third World.

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In the course of this work we came to know him, and he came to know Canada through his visits here. He was a great socialist and a great friend of mankind. He will be sadly missed, not only by his friends and colleagues in the New Democratic Party but by all Canadians.

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[Translation]

FREE TRADE

POSITION OF FARMERS

Mr. Michel Champagne (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, in the last election campaign, the Liberals and the New Democrats have tried to scare the Canadian people, especially farmers, by telling them that free trade could threaten their future. On the contrary, Mr. Speaker, our Government was responsible enough to protect our marketing boards by including Article XI of GATT in Article 710 of the Agreement. That means, Mr. Speaker, that the Canadian dairy industry will stay in place and grow stronger and that the poultry and egg industries have been strengthened and protected as farmers had requested.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, we are sensitive to the fact that we export a lot of pork, beef and horticultural products to the United States. Mr. Speaker, as a responsible Government, we couldn't say no to those producers who need guaranteed access to the American market. We couldn't say no to developing a policy allowing our farmers to expand. That is why, Mr. Speaker, on November 21, Canadian farmers and co-operatives said yes to a Progressive Conservative Government as it is the only party to offer a positive and progressive option for the future of Canadian agriculture.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

ESKASONI—ELECTION OF BAND CHIEF

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, on November, 1988, an election was held in Eskasoni. In the band council election for chief the winner won by one vote.