

the Conservative Party will become extinct in the West and the legacy of John Diefenbaker will disappear.

Tory times are tough times.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN NATO—POSITION OF NDP

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, as official spokesman for the socialist Party in matters of defence, the Hon. Member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn) should clarify his position concerning Canada's NATO participation in the defence of the interests of western communities.

We know that all Members of his Party, including their leader, are systematically opposed to Canada's participation in NATO, and we know that the resolutions which have been in force since the 1985 socialist convention confirm the policy concerning Canada's withdrawal from NATO and other military alliances, as evidenced by Resolution 43 of the Convention of 85.

At their latest convention in March of this year the delegates and the leader of the socialist Party were not honest enough to include this question and explain their position to Canadians.

Mr. Speaker, Canadians support the western world's common defence system.

This bunch of leftists and Kremlin sympathizers must forthwith state their official position on our defence policy.

The leader of the socialist Party should listen to me. Is he going to throw out the Hon. Member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn)? Is he going to ignore the resolutions of his delegates? One way or another, Mr. Speaker, as usual he will have to flip and flop.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DAMAGE TO REYNOLDS PLANT AT CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE— REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT OFFER HELP

Mr. Gilles Grondin (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, as most of us already know, the fire earlier this week at the Reynolds plant at Cap-de-la-Madeleine has caused serious damage.

This is very unfortunate for our region, and although long term lay-offs do not seem likely, the tragedy will have an impact on the region's economy, at least for some time.

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That is why I hope the Government will do everything it can to help that industry overcome the adverse effects of the fire as soon as possible.

I want to ask all departments concerned to take action immediately and offer government assistance to Reynolds' management.

Since many people in my riding work at the plant, I want to take this opportunity to say they have my full support.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF RABBI DAVID FEUERWERKER

Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, Canadians commemorate this week the passing of Grand Rabbi Dr. David Feuerwerker, Z.T.L., on June 20, 1980.

This Lamed Vav was more than a builder of our communities. He was the guide and master of many generations.

We cannot omit some reference to the work of Grand Rabbi David Feuerwerker who saved thousands of human lives from the horrors of the death camps.

Chamir, FFI Captain, co-founder of the Combat movement, Rabbi of Tournelles, director of the *Cercle d'Études du Marais*, General Chaplain, professor at the Sorbonne and at the University of Montreal, author of *L'émancipation des Juifs*, Grand Rabbi of the Canadian Jewish Cultural Association, he rests in peace beside the judges of the Sanhedrin at the foot of the Temple in Jerusalem.

With his wife, Antoinette Glück, we publicly sanctify the name of God and declare that the chain of tradition is intact, and we shall recite, with all God's peoples, a fervent Kaddish in memory of Grand Rabbi Dr. David Feuerwerker, Zichon Tzadik Livrocho.

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FISHERIES

NEWFOUNDLAND CAPELIN FISHERY

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in St. John's, fishermen and processors could not reach an agreement on the capelin fishery. In a press release issued yesterday, the Minister of Fisheries stated:

—it appears unlikely that production of capelin product in excess of 15,000 tonnes would be of benefit to the fishermen of Newfoundland and Labrador. Given the current unsold inventory of capelin in the Japanese market, and the increase of production in Iceland in 1987, the previously established harvesting quota of 69,000 tonnes seems far in excess of market demand for this year.

Since the Minister can clearly identify the problem, one wonders why he has failed the fishermen of Newfoundland