

S.O. 21

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**BILINGUALISM**

## ATTITUDE OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

**Mr. Gaston Gourde (Lévis):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning, the newspaper *La Presse* showed quite clearly, I believe, that the Leader of the Opposition was over-optimistic in supporting the French fact in Manitoba. Last fall, he declared he had paid off the Progressive Conservative century-old debt to bilingualism. He has done nothing at all except confuse the issue even more, in an incredible situation where we have a spineless Leader and Members who thumb their noses at his gesture, stating that his token support for bilingualism is a pious wish and nothing more.

But where is the Leader of the Opposition who stated in an article in the newspaper *Le Droit* on June 13 of last year that he was the one who would determine the Party's main policy and that he would not tolerate any dissent? The House will recall that Robert Stanfield, a former leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, refused to ratify the nomination of Leonard Jones, ex-mayor of Moncton, as a candidate in the general election because of the position he took against bilingualism.

Where is the Leader of the Opposition when the Members for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie) and Simcoe-South (Mr. Stewart) contradict his views on bilingualism? Could he today at least try to follow Mr. Stanfield's example and immediately order these two dissidents to leave the Party or to resign their seat, on such a fundamental issue? Francophones throughout Canada are waiting for the Progressive Conservative Leader to take action.

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**THE PAPACY**

## IMPENDING PAPAL VISIT TO CANADIAN MARTYRS SHRINE AT MIDLAND, ONT.

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, Simcoe North and the Midland-Penetanguishene area in particular are extremely pleased and honoured that His Holiness Pope John Paul II will be visiting the Martyrs Shrine and Sainte-Marie among the Hurons during his visit to Canada. Six of North America's eight martyred saints were missionaries at Sainte-Marie. The Martyrs Shrine is of significant religious and historical importance because it is dedicated to those first canonized saints.

Under the capable direction of Father James Farrell a large, dedicated group of local volunteers is working very hard to ensure that the Pope's visit to the area is a success. They are faced with the difficult task of preparing for the attendance in the area of hundreds of thousands of people who want to see the Pope. It is therefore obvious, Mr. Speaker, that the Pope's visit to the Midland-Penetanguishene area carries its own significance and importance separate from his visit to Toronto.

Today I was quite distressed to note that some of the national media are treating the Pope's visit to Midland as merely a small part of his Toronto visit. On behalf of the residents of Simcoe North, and especially the thousands of people who will work many hours to make the Midland trip a success, I encourage the media to treat this visit as an entity separate from the Toronto visit.

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**FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY**

## CALL FOR ABOLITION OR CHANGE IN FUNCTION

**Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege for me recently to attend the Davos, Switzerland, Conference on World Economic Recovery and Security. Many issues were discussed. It became obvious that all nations were seeking international capital investment, both the equity and debt type, and were removing deterrents to such investments.

In Canada FIRA was, and is, a deterrent to foreign capital investment. Although it has been significantly restructured, it still remains as a massive psychological deterrent to foreign capital investment in Canada. The Agency should have its name changed, and it should be directing all of its efforts to encouraging foreign investment in selected key sectors of the Canadian economy. It should be made an asset rather than a liability to economic recovery in Canada. It was established in 1973, and has accomplished its task reducing foreign control of the private sector from 33 per cent to 26 per cent in 10 years. Today it is approving 95 per cent of the applications before it, and rejecting only 5 per cent, but psychologically it is still a major deterrent and nuisance. Let us get rid of it, or change its function and its name. Canada needs foreign investment—

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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**OLYMPIC GAMES**

## TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN ATHLETE, GAÉTAN BOUCHER

**Mr. Raymond Dupont (Chambly):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a statement under the provisions of Standing Order 21 and call the attention of the Members of this House to an important event which has just occurred at the Olympic Games in Sarajevo.

Mr. Gaétan Boucher, who represents Canada in the sport speedskating competitions, has won a first gold medal in the 1,000 metre race. He also won a bronze medal a few days ago in the 500-metre event.

This honour which is reflected on all of us is very typical of Gaétan Boucher, who is the first Canadian to win a gold medal