

parents must wait until much later. Surely Canadians can afford to be more generous toward extended families.

Experience proves that relatives in immigrant families help each other. They often develop family businesses that contribute to our economy and to employment. Immigrant families work hard, often at jobs that Canadians refuse and their goal usually is to buy a home as quickly as possible. This, again, contributes to our economy as consumer goods are purchased and more homes are built.

Grandparents are an important part of the family in transmitting the original language and culture as well as helping to care for children. They are the link between the past and the future which makes us a multicultural country. The so-called security measures to be imposed by this bill have been severely criticized by groups across this country.

I could quote many immigration lawyers who referred to the fingerprinting policy for refugee claimants as being odious. "It reflects the standing paranoia of the government which over the years progressively restricted human rights of non-citizens in Canada, particularly those seeking protection as Geneva convention refugees", said Barbara Jackman, a Toronto lawyer.

They object also to the ability to appeal which is even more restricted under this bill and to the whole question of returning people to a so-called safe third country which I referred to earlier as well. The Canadian Ethnocultural Council also criticized exclusion of grandparents and feels that the bill reflects a bias against refugees.

These are the kinds of things, the points of view, that the government must listen to. There has not been time enough to get these views out and made known to the public.

I want to express another deep concern. While this government welcomes wealthy entrepreneurs and gives them top priority for very speedy processing in coming to Canada, it gives low priority to workers with skills and those with professional training and those who have job confirmations. I cannot understand this.

Unfortunately our country is not producing skilled tradespersons and for the future we are short of these people. We need experience and expertise in many

fields. Why should these people be restricted to go only to certain areas of Canada? That also seems to me smacks of a slave camp psychology and certainly is not something we should accept. Mobility is a basic right in Canada.

Skilled workers should not be restricted to work in designated areas. The government does not value human resources. Perhaps it values material resources, money in particular, but not the human qualities of immigrants. It does not use the education and professional training of many people who have come to Canada as landed immigrants.

We must find a way, along with provinces, of accrediting professionals so that they can practice in their fields of expertise and so they contribute their knowledge to Canada.

Finally I want to appeal to this government to be more generous toward refugees on humanitarian grounds. Why did it send back well educated, skilled tradespeople from Poland who had been here from two to three years, who had proven they were excellent workers in Canada, who were political refugees at the time of their arrival and who had children who were going back to very risky situations? I referred earlier to the eight cases which I appealed to this minister and he turned down.

It was very unjust and very unfair and also very expensive to send these people back. The appeal process must not be so restricted in the future.

I would like to say also that at this time there is a man called Steven Ogun Wuyi, a Nigerian refugee, who is in sanctuary in a church in Vancouver. He is in sanctuary because he is threatened with deportation. He did not have adequate legal representation. He did not speak much English and his lawyer was not adequately prepared and he was refused an appeal by the minister afterwards.

This Nigerian refugee has been in Canada over two years. He was linked to a military coup in his homeland. As a southern Christian in Nigeria, where the government power groups are not Christian, surely he will face persecution and imprisonment if he is deported to Nigeria.

As I say, he is presently in sanctuary in a church in Vancouver and I ask the minister to grant him permanent asylum in Canada.