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signature on the Helsinki Accords, that it act in a humanitarian way and let them leave. Otherwise such oppression diminishes the Soviet Union as a nation in the eyes of all Canadians. May we see progress toward these goals in the coming year. I take this opportunity to wish all my co-religionists a healthy new year, "*Le Shana Tova Tikatayvou*".

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NATIONAL PARKS

ELLESMERE ISLAND—ACCESS COSTS

Mr. Thomas Suluk (Nunatsiq): Mr. Speaker, last month the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) officially opened Canada's newest national park on Ellesmere Island. I would like to take this opportunity to advise Canadians of the costs involved in visiting their new park. The return airfare between Montreal and Resolute Bay in the High Arctic is \$1,600. The charter rate from Resolute Bay to Ellesmere Island is in the neighbourhood of \$1,750 per person. Add another \$500 for meals and accommodation and the travelling expenses alone come to an astounding total of \$3,250. If you include other costs such as outfitting and pocket-money, the total easily comes to \$4,000.

A private outfitter in Resolute Bay told me that the majority of travellers are European, Japanese, and American, with Canadians making up only 10 per cent. I ask you, Mr. Speaker, who in his right mind will travel to the park when one can go around the world with that kind of money? I think it is high time for the Government to look into making remote areas accessible and affordable to our citizens.

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MUSEUMS

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES—FUND RAISING FUNCTION

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the Progressive Conservative women's caucus is holding an event at the National Museum of Natural Sciences. The proceeds from this event are to go to the museum trust fund and certainly since our museums are under-funded, any additional funds will be welcome. However, a few questions must be raised. Why should public servants, paid by the taxpayers' hard-earned money, be diverted from their normal duties to organize an event for a political party, however worthy otherwise the event may be? Why should exhibits be moved and the normal work of the museum be disrupted for an event sponsored by a political Party? Why should money raised by the museum on time paid for by the public, on premises paid for by the public, be diverted into a special fund which does not go through the normal budgeting

procedures and which is not scrutinized by the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture?

I ask the Minister of Communications (Miss MacDonald) to put partisan advantage aside and clean up these improper practices.

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[Translation]

NEW BEAUCE

CELEBRATION OF 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): In 1736, Mr. Speaker, France's King Louis XV ratified the granting of three *seigneuries* located along Quebec's Chaudière River. They were called Nouvelle-Beauce.

This year, nothing will be spared to celebrate this 250th anniversary in the Beauce region. It will be an opportunity for all Beauce residents to proclaim their identity and their Canadianism, and to demonstrate their dynamism in the economic, social and cultural sectors.

If only because of their typical accent and their independence, the people of Beauce have left their mark in the history of Quebec. The Beauce region was the first territory which the French colonized along the shores of the St. Lawrence River.

For a long time during the 20th century the Beauce region was the symbol of a catholic and rural community, faithful to Quebec traditions. Still, the spirit of initiative and the entrepreneurship of Beauce residents were epoch-making, and the region is still the hub of small- and medium-sized businesses in Quebec.

Happy 250th anniversary to all Beauce residents!

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HUMAN RIGHTS

U.S.S.R.—RELEASE OF DR. YURI ORLOV

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday Dr. and Mrs. Yuri Orlov were allowed to leave the Soviet Union for New York under the terms of the so-called Danilof deal.

Dr. Orlov is a distinguished high energy physicist who has suffered persecution, imprisonment, and harsh internal exile for his efforts to expose human rights violations in the Soviet Union. He founded the Helsinki Watch Group in 1976, for which he was arrested in 1977 and charged with treason against the Soviet state.