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ing two divisions so that Québec's resource regions would be represented as well.

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MULTICULTURALISM

CARRABRAM CELEBRATION IN BRAMPTON

Mr. Harry Chadwick (Brampton—Malton): Mr. Speaker, on July 7, 8, and 9 Brampton plays host to the biggest and best multicultural event in Canada.

For three days, visit the Ming dynasty court; relive the wild days of the Cossack brotherhood; shake hands with a real leprechaun, retrace the voyages of Prince Henry the navigator; dance the hula; meet the descendants of Canada's first settlers; celebrate Oktoberfest early; star in a music hall variety show; view the exotic temple dances of India; do the Philippine bamboo pole dance of Tiniklang; hear the skirl of bagpipes and poetry of Robbie Burns; dance the mazurka in a Polish castle; travel with the Croatian people through 2,500 years of history; take a leisurely stroll from the Alps to the rugged terrain of Sicily; do the Zorba dance in an authentic Greek tavern; hear the old legends of the Caribbean Islands; visit the people of the desert in the Arabian pavilion which will take one back to biblical times. All this in just three days at Carabram in Brampton, Ontario.

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IMMIGRATION

SELF-EXILED PERSONS

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, a Chinese citizen in Canada recently applied for refugee status and was rejected and taken to the Chinese Consulate to get his passport for the purpose of deportation to China.

If he was not a refugee before, the Canadian Government made him a refugee by reporting him to the consulate, since Canada told China that he had embarrassed the Government of China by trying to stay in Canada.

Already a Somali citizen, Abdi Aden, rejected by the refugee board and deported to Somalia, has been imprisoned because Somalia has the same sort of laws.

The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mrs. McDougall) must take steps to avoid endangering more such innocent persons and to stop violating the United Nations law that forbids forcing a person to return to face persecution.

The Immigration Act has a remedy under the "self-exiled persons designated class", which authorizes the Government to protect citizens of the Soviet Union and five other Eastern European countries whose laws also provide punishment for embarrassing unauthorized departure or absence.

I call upon the Minister of Employment and Immigration to exercise her authority under the Immigration Act to save the liberty and life of Chinese and Somalians in Canada by adding China and Somalia to the countries on the self-exiled persons designated class list.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING TO CENTRE

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, located in the great riding of Hamilton West, is under siege by the Tory Government.

For the last decade the centre has provided Canadians with comprehensive information on occupational health and safety matters. Last year alone, the centre provided Canadians with 350,000 copies of technical publications, had 1,200 Canadian firms communicate over 40,000 times with the centre's data base, and fielded over 100 hot line calls a day.

Obviously, the Conservative Government fails to understand that the centre needs government funding, because it has decided to eliminate the centre's \$10 million grant by 1991.

The Hon. Member for Lincoln (Mrs. Martin) attempts to explain it all away by stating that the funding was "seed money for the difficult start-up period". A decade of support can hardly be labelled a start-up period.

Canadians cannot afford to lose such an important resource. I call upon the Government to reinstate funding for the centre immediately.