

made \$15 billion in sales which comprised 4.5 per cent of the Gross National Product.

The food service industry also generated some \$1 billion in foreign exchange last year from visiting tourists. For every \$1 million in sales, \$300,000 is generated into wages, and \$55,000 goes to the Government in payroll taxes.

Madam Speaker, as you are well aware, serving people is an art, and preparing food is a skill. Our colleges graduate good cooks but not world class chefs. There is a lack of schools with standards necessary to educate skilled technicians. This shortage is creating a bottleneck in the expansion of the food service industry. This is one area where Government can easily stimulate the economy by fulfilling its responsibility to educate Canadians for gainful employment, by upgrading training facilities and thus overcome skill shortages in the food service industry. This should receive the same priority as skill shortages in the manufacturing and resort industries.

Chefs and other food service trades should be designated as national occupations under the National Training Act. It is my hope that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) will give serious consideration to this and that it will become a reality as soon as possible.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I have the duty and responsibility to call to the attention of the House and the country a very serious issue which has arisen in Ottawa this week. It is commonly known in various quarters as the "Week of the Long Knives".

I would like to point out to the House that, some years ago, when the organization to my right went through this exercise, its Leader, who was leaving at that time, happened to make a speech in which he said that the Conservative Party and the Liberal Party were the same, and that anyone within his organization who said that they were not the same did a great disservice to the Party. The problem, as was related by the then Leader, was that the Liberals and Conservatives were basically the same and only the New Democratic Party would change things.

The second individual who has come forward in this "Week of the Long Knives" is a Member of the House and a candidate for Leader who is running on the platform that they will create a policy for the country. In May, 1981, when this individual was asked what his Party would do to change the mess which the Liberals had put in place, he indicated that if they told the Canadian public what would happen, certainly they would never be elected. Hopefully that would be true today, Madam Speaker.

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Finally, I believe, to most observers, right back to the beginning of parliamentary tradition in Canada, the first sign

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of the alignment of the Conservative Party and Liberal Party was under the banner of an organization called the Liberal-Conservative Party—

Madam Speaker: Order, please.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

CLEARANCE FOR TROPHIES WON ABROAD

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, it was not many months ago that the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Bussières) was taking the joy out of winning an international hockey tournament by declaring a team-won trophy to be owned by one or two of the players and fixed with a value for customs purposes. Medals, trophies, and exchange gifts were dutiable, so Revenue bureaucracy declared. Well, the scrooge strikes again.

Producing and winning an Oscar for his film, "Just Another Missing Kid", was only slightly harder for the St. Catharines-Toronto producer, John Zaritsky, than getting his award home. It took 30 minutes and three separate customs officials to clear the trophy finally before the by then thoroughly annoyed and frustrated producer could get his award through customs.

Trophies or awards such as these are symbolic representations of victory in the field of sport or of achievement in areas of special endeavour. To hassle a team or a winner of such an award, and to delay many other international passengers while so doing, brings discredit to the Department, smacks of bureaucratic red tape and bungling, and calls for an early clarification by the Minister.

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ETHNIC AFFAIRS

MEMORIAL SERVICE SPONSORED BY BALTIC AND UKRAINIAN GROUPS

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, this coming Wednesday, June 8, there will be an ecumenical memorial service sponsored by the Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Latvian, and Estonian communities of Ottawa. This inter-denominational service is held in June of each year in memory of the victims of the religious and national oppression of the Baltic and Ukrainian nations.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the artificially created famine in the Ukraine when that nation became victim to a conscious and deliberate attempt by the Soviets to extinguish Ukrainian peasants and workers. Their resistance to the Soviet imposition of a collective, state-run agricultural system was viewed as a bid for independence from Moscow. To suppress what they thought was a politically motivated attitude, the Russian communists caused a genocidal famine to occur by restricting the availability of food in the Ukraine. In