

This government intermediary provides the kind of support which Canadian businesses have come to appreciate, all the more so since it encourages women's entrepreneurship.

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[English]

#### EASTERN EUROPE

**Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West):** Mr. Speaker, 34 years ago today the flame of liberty was lit by the freedom fighters of Hungary. For a few glorious days, the yoke of oppression was cast off and democracy made an appearance. However, the idealism of the people was soon crushed by the might of the Soviet military, with the loss of many lives.

However, the blood of these patriots was not shed in vain, for as we know, the people of Hungary and all eastern Europe have come to realize what the west has long known; communism does not work.

Let us hope that the spirit of the Hungarian freedom fighters, manifested most recently in the hearts of students on Tiananmen Square continues to light the way to liberty throughout the world.

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#### THE LATE GORDON WRIGHT

**Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Gordon Wright, former MLA for the Alberta provincial constituency of Edmonton Strathcona.

Edmontonians are deeply saddened at his passing.

He was a noble, principled, sincere gentleman who was concerned with the human condition. Gordon was a champion of the ordinary Canadian and a fighter for the less privileged.

I worked with him on many cases and knew him to be a warm, concerned individual who would spare no effort to see a problem resolved.

On behalf of my Alberta caucus colleagues, I offer his family our deepest sympathies and condolences.

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#### AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has passed a motion recent-

ly to censure the Minister for International Trade for saying that the Deputy Prime Minister should be ashamed of himself for providing \$8.8 billion of support to Canadian farmers.

Canadian farmers are outraged by the comments of the minister of trade because they are simply not true. He quotes financial support programs that the government provided in 1987 and 1988, most of which the government has since cancelled.

In fact, direct farm support programs this year will be less than \$2 billion. This shows how the minister of trade is trying to mislead Canadians.

How can Canadian farmers have confidence in the minister of trade to protect their interests at the GATT negotiation when he demonstrates such a woeful ignorance of the very documents that he himself has tabled there? It is time the Deputy Prime Minister or someone with integrity in the government sets the record straight on the amount of Canadian farm support programs because we have not heard the truth from the Minister for International Trade.

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#### MULTICULTURALISM

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, racism takes many forms in Canada and must be challenged.

We call on the Liberal appointed board of the Ottawa Congress Centre to reconsider its decision and cancel the November 5 appearance of holocaust doubter, David Irving. His kind of racism should not be imported to Canada.

Former Governor General Jean Sauvé showed outdated colonial thinking that assumes the superiority of our anglo-franco heritage when she stated recently: "If the growing mixture of immigrants does not assimilate into either the French or English culture, Canada will become multiracial and the French-English basis of our nation will become indistinct".

Canada already is a rich mix of races who must be treated equally. The MP from Winnipeg South recently said that multiculturalism promotes racism and has divided Canadian society by emphasizing differences among cultures.