

sediment in a swift flowing river, the company developed new technology to remove over 90 per cent of the remaining contamination. Fourth, despite media reports to the contrary, none of the chemicals involved exceeded the short-term drinking water standards in any water supplies.

I have often addressed the House stressing the need for balance and fairness in reporting. I would urge Environment Canada to write another article in the same publication which truly reflects the tremendous developments of the last two years, not just a replay of the events of the past.

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CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

DROUGHT IN CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, while urging the Government not to support the decision of the GATT review panel which would allow heavily subsidized EEC beef to enter Canada and create a very uncompetitive situation for Canadian cattlemen, I draw to the attention of the House the extreme drought situation which exists in central British Columbia.

There has been no significant rainfall for many months. The usual semi-arid region is fast becoming a desert as streams dry up, lake levels fall dramatically, and water tables drop. The result has been catastrophic for the sports fishery and is causing extreme problems for both cattlemen and orchardists alike. Provincial and federal support is required to find alternative sources of water.

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I urge the federal Government to amend Section 2.4 of the ARDSA program which would allow funds to be made available for both Crown and deeded land suffering under extreme drought conditions. As well, I would urge the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) to approve fast tracking for applications presently coming in under the existing Section 2.4 of the ARDSA program.

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PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

NEED TO WORK FOR COMMON GOOD

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, this morning's results of the Gallup Poll are another clear indication that the Conservative Government is fading fast.

Mr. Speaker, the results of this poll and the election results in New Brunswick have made it clear that despite all the

handstands, all the representations and initiatives made by the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) and this Government during the past month, and I am referring to the Francophonie Summit, the Commonwealth Conference and the Free Trade Agreement, Canadians know preferably well that all this is not being done for the sake of the Canadian people but simply in order to enhance the Prime Minister's image.

Mr. Speaker, the results of the Gallup Poll and the election in New Brunswick are a clear indication that after being fooled once during the last election campaign, Canadians no longer accept or believe this Prime Minister.

I therefore urge all Conservative Members to tell the Prime Minister; from now on, do things that are good for Canadians and stop trying to improve your image. Start working for the common good of the Canadian people.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CENTRAL AMERICA—SUPPORT URGED FOR ARIAS PEACE PLAN

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Costa Rican President Oscar Arias for his role in the formation of the Central American peace plan. By awarding the prize to Mr. Arias, the Nobel committee has sent a clear message of support and encouragement to Central American leaders for their efforts to bring peace to this troubled region.

Canada should do likewise, Mr. Speaker. As a country blessed with social and political stability, Canada should spare no effort to help bring similar stability to Central America. I call upon the Government to indicate clearly its willingness to offer whatever help and assistance are required to ensure the plan's success.

But the most urgent and important thing that Canada could do would be to condemn unambiguously, both publicly and privately, the continued funding of the Contras by the Reagan administration and do all in our power to get the U.S. Congress to end all overt and covert aid to the Contras. This would assist Central American efforts to bring peace to the region and it would also make it clear that Canada is not willing to be silent while Canadian aid projects and Canadian lives are put at risk, as was the case recently in Nicaragua, by American supported activities.

The peace plan represents a window of opportunity for Central America and for the peace of the world. Now is the time to tell our friend and neighbour, the United States, to stop acting like a bully and respect the collective Central American wisdom and will for peace that the Guatemalan Accord so clearly demonstrates. A Central America in charge