

*Oral Questions*

*Globe and Mail* reports that the RCMP has been sitting for two months on a request to investigate a refugee claimant apparently wanted by West Germany for violating arms laws. All of this does not lend much credibility to the claim of CSIS and the RCMP that they are still actively and vigorously pursuing the investigation of the two and a half year old Air-India crash.

Let us get on top of these terrorists. If this latest story is not true, I hope *The Globe and Mail* will apologize. However, if it is true, it is time for the Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher) to shake up both CSIS and the RCMP again. While he is at it, he should order a public inquiry into the CSIS and RCMP investigation of the Air-India crash.

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## TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—  
NEGOTIATOR'S REMUNERATION

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, you will probably recall that during the last year and a half I have criticized the Government for its free trade initiative. I have even gone so far as to say that no Canadian would benefit from free trade. Today I take that back. I apologize, because one Canadian has made this a very enriching experience. As a matter of fact, the media are stating that since November 8, 1985, Canada's free trade negotiator, Mr. Simon Reisman, will probably generate something in the order of \$500,000. That is enough to make some of the Tory backbenchers wish that they were civil servants or, even better, trade negotiators eating chicken in Washington.

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Five hundred thousand dollars is a lot more than my constituents make and is certainly a lot more than they will make after this free trade deal, given the negative effects it will have on my constituency. No matter how you look at it, \$500,000 is not bad for taking potshots at *The Toronto Star*, even if you have to put up with the Minister for International Trade (Miss Carney).

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## TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—MEDIA  
COVERAGE OF DISSENTERS

**Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward—Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, last Friday the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) briefly visited my riding as part of a swing through eastern Ontario. Some 500 men and women warmly greeted him and Mrs. Mulroney at CFB Trenton, as did over half of the 1,100 employees at

Northern Telecom, and 300 of my friends at a reception in Belleville.

At the Northern Telecom plant four United Auto Worker members displayed anti-free trade T-shirts, which is certainly their right. Why is it, however, that the press, including Global TV, CTV, CBC, *The Globe and Mail*, the *Belleville Intelligencer*, and others gave coverage to these few dissenters out of all proportion to the activities of the day?

What warped sense of reporting allows these four, who stood silently until Mrs. Mulroney engaged one in conversation, to gain top level recognition over hundreds and hundreds of well-wishers, at least one of whom travelled thousands of kilometres just to be present?

Is there no fairness left at all in the press today? Is there no limit to their desire to downplay the excellent reception being enjoyed by the Prime Minister throughout Canada?

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## CANADA LANDS COMPANY

## TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and concerns the Canada Lands Company at Mirabel, the mess that will not go away. First we had Gervais Desroches, friend of the Minister of Public Works, benefiting from a \$13 million industrial park deal which he and others bought for \$140,000. Then there was the Gérard Poirier case who says he was coerced into selling his farm to Mario Taddeo and was told to keep his mouth shut by the Member of Parliament for Argenteuil—Papineau. Third, a Tory organizer who owned a bar got a \$42,000 contract for supervising vacant land. Now we have the overwhelming evidence of Tories making a killing out of land sales and one Tory alone making \$252,000 in 24 hours.

Why did the Prime Minister allow this kind of thing to happen? Why does he permit this kind of outrageous waste of taxpayers' money to continue?

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, let us put this all in perspective.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. McInnes:** In 1969 the then Government expropriated 90,000 acres of land, 5,000 acres of which are now being used for the Mirabel Airport. They dispossessed 10,000 people who occupied and owned those lands. They spent \$225 million from 1969 to 1984 and all they left was a social scar.