

articles on Operation Falcon as a result of a 10-month news investigation. These articles demonstrate that this was in fact the "Falcon Fiasco" which damaged the beautiful birds it was intended to preserve as well as many Canadians who are internationally known experts and proponents of falcon preservation.

These Canadians include the Owl Lady, Kay McKeever, recipient of the Order of Canada, and David Mossop, a leading Canadian expert on falcons, who was charged despite RCMP objections. The charges were later dropped for lack of evidence. Mossop is out of pocket thousands of dollars because of the incompetence and bungling of the Department of Justice in this area.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had a convicted falcon smuggler on its payroll working in Canada as an undercover agent without any knowledge whatsoever of the Canadian federal Government or provincial enforcement agencies. This is illegal and is a breach of Canadian sovereignty, yet the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) has lodged no formal protest whatsoever.

I call upon the Minister of Justice (Mr. Hnatyshyn) to launch a full inquiry into the falcon fiasco which would answer questions such as why the plea bargaining by federal prosecutors allowed North America's two biggest wildlife smugglers to go free, including one who claimed to have made a profit from his fines.

There must be an investigation immediately to get to the bottom of this very serious matter, to produce a full public report, and to ensure that the objectives of preserving these precious and beautiful birds were not subverted by those who would destroy Canadian sovereignty and attack Canadians who have worked for many years to save these precious birds.

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### HISTORIC EVENTS

#### SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH INDEPENDENCE

**Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, on November 11 Canadians of Polish origin will be celebrating the sixty-ninth anniversary of Polish independence. In 1918 Poland regained her independence and became a sovereign nation after suffering 120 years of foreign oppression and occupation. Despite the ravages of war Poland maintained her dignity and resolve in order to take her rightful place once again among the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1939, however, Nazi fascists and Soviet communist tyranny snuffed out the precious freedom and independence which for over two decades the Poles had so diligently maintained. Today, even in the face of adversity, that spirit of freedom still burns bright within the hearts of the Polish people.

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As we celebrate our own Remembrance Day, let us join with Canadians of Polish descent to commemorate this day and to pay tribute to their national courage and resilience.

Freedom extracted a fierce toll from Canadian soldiers during the two World Wars and we must never forget the lesson they taught, that freedom and democracy are non-negotiable commodities and must be restored wherever they are denied.

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### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.—ELIMINATION OF RAIL CAR INSPECTIONS

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, Canadian National, in its latest cut-backs on the railroad on Cape Breton Island, has cut out the last railcar inspector in North Sydney.

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There are no more rail car inspectors in North Sydney even though there is a great deal of traffic from North Sydney to other parts of Canada, since rail cars must go through North Sydney to pick up the containers that arrive on Atlantic Marine ferries.

There will be no rail car inspectors to inspect those cars. Instead, inspections will be carried out by brakemen. Although CN has been worried about derailments in Atlantic Canada, it will now exacerbate the situation by not inspecting these cars.

Of course the real reason for the elimination of inspectors is that it does not want cars to be repaired in Sydney, as it would mean keeping workers on the job in Sydney to do these repairs.

Now the cars will go all the way to Moncton, perhaps with cracked axles or other deficiencies, which will be a danger to the cars and, of course, to human lives.

I ask Canadian National and the federal Government to reverse this terrible decision and maintain at least one rail car inspector in the town of North Sydney.

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### REMEMBRANCE DAY

#### SIGNIFICANCE OF CEREMONIES

**Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, November 11 is Remembrance Day, a day commemorating those Canadian men and women who died in two World Wars, the Korean War, and in our peacekeeping efforts throughout the world.