

national unity and would give our children a better perspective of what Canada is. They would be better prepared to overcome racial barriers.

Private enterprise should also be encouraged to play a part in this important and sensitive area. I was pleased to be invited to a meeting last Monday by Mr. Garrick and Mr. Delabarre, the general manager of the C.N. tower, in Toronto, and general manager of the C.N. tower restaurant, respectively, at which they announced they are planning a month-long "Salute to Italy" from April 3 to May 4, 1980. A "Salute to France" took place during the month of May 1979, and a "Salute to Japan" one year earlier. These salutes are a wonderful way of promoting the tower. They also have some very beneficial effects.

It has been the practice of the management of the tower hitherto to make space available, free of charge, to interested parties for exhibitions pertaining to products, art, travel, customs, *et cetera*. Mr. Garrick was receptive to the idea I advanced, that on this occasion it would be desirable to focus attention also on the involvement of Canadians of Italian origin in the history of Canada. He thought he might interest some corporations in financing the necessary research and preparation for such a project. We should encourage initiatives of this kind, because they focus attention on the positive aspects of our society.

I am not saying that changing a name or giving a higher profile to certain aspects of history are going to eliminate all our problems. This approach would be simply an initial but positive endeavour in the long process of coming to grips with the various aspects of the problems that confront a complex society, and it would show the sensitivity that Canadians feel towards their fellow Canadians by recognizing each other's roots in this land.

There are some people who have difficulty in understanding a simple concept. They make the mistake of considering pride in one's own cultural heritage as being un-Canadian. They associate it with political affiliation with the country of origin. To disprove this notion, I draw the attention of honourable senators to the classic example of the Canadian-Ukrainian community. Canadians of Ukrainian origin have shown their determination to maintain their culture. It was the weight of their intervention that changed the concept of a bicultural society, advocated by the Pearson government in the mid-sixties, to the concept of a multicultural one. Can anyone dispute their loyalty to this land and their genuine feeling of patriotism for Canada? Look at how well they have integrated in Canadian society. There are at this time two prominent cabinet ministers of Ukrainian origin in the Canadian government, and even our Governor General has some Ukrainian blood in his veins.

It is not a question of one-upmanship, nor is it a question of changing history to suit the needs of the moment. It is a question of recognizing that the texture of Canadian society

has changed dramatically in the recent past, and our history books should reflect that change by recognizing the legitimate contributions made to Canada's history by anyone, regardless of ethnic background. The teaching of history should endeavour, wherever possible, to give us a greater sense of awareness of each other's contribution.

To that end, I urge honourable senators to support a recommendation to the government that efforts be made to have the name of John Cabot restored to its original spelling, Giovanni Caboto, for the reasons I have stated.

On motion of Senator Macquarrie, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

ROYAL ASSENT

The Honourable Roland A. Ritchie, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, and being come with their Speaker, the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate said:

Honourable members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to be issued under his Sign Manual and Signet constituting the Honourable Roland A. Ritchie, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, his Deputy, to do in His Excellency's name all acts on his part necessary to be done during His Excellency's pleasure.

The Commission was read by the Clerk of the Senate.

The Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act to amend the statute law relating to income tax and to amend the Canada Pension Plan.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff and to make certain amendments to The New Zealand Trade Agreement Act, 1932, the Australian Trade Agreement Act, 1960 and The Union of South Africa Trade Agreement Act, 1932.

An Act to confirm the authority of the Federal District Commission to have acquired certain lands.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, December 11, at 2 p.m.