

CRTC has turned down requests for cable because the village does not have the required minimum population of 500. I would ask the Minister responsible to take the necessary action to give this community access to television broadcasts. Canadians ought to realize that before setting up a second network, the CBC should make sure that everyone in Canada can at least receive the first network. I think it is very sad that after four years of repeated requests, the CBC has yet to find a solution to a minor problem that might cost them about \$250,000. Mr. Speaker, I am repeating my request and I want to make sure that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation takes the appropriate action so that the community of Kegaska can receive television broadcasts in 1984.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

COVERAGE OF LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I have it on good authority that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation producers of this weekend's Liberal leadership extravaganza are praying that the race will go to four or five ballots. That is the only way the CBC will have time to roll all the credits for participating commentators, most of them Liberals. Heaven help them if this thing only goes to one ballot. Quite apart from the amount of money these well known Liberals are being paid for their transportation and expertise, our government owned network cannot deny its long-time friends due recognition at this Liberal-CBC love in.

Seriously, a few of these high powered Grits will be worth hearing. From Newfoundland, representing Atlantic Canada, we will have the Hon. Joey Smallwood, a distinguished Father of Confederation. From the West Coast we bring you such famous names as Senator Ray Perrault, Senator Jack Austin, and former Vancouver mayor and defeated candidate, Art Phillips; from Edmonton, Alberta's only surviving Liberal, Mayor Laurence Decore; from Saskatchewan, former Liberal leader and now a Senator, Davie Stuart another impartial observer and survivor of Liberal fortunes in Western Canada; from Manitoba—are you ready for this, Mr. Speaker?—Izzy Asper, once a rumoured Liberal leader in that province. And so it goes.

We have a distinguished former broadcaster, the Hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mrs. Erola), the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin), all lending their impartial expertise this weekend. It beats me, when we have some 5,000 journalists and independent analysts in town—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time, unfortunately, has expired.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

CLEANERS' STRIKE AT TORONTO'S FIRST CANADIAN PLACE OFFICE TOWER

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Two hundred immigrants, mostly Portuguese women, have for several years cleaned the offices and stores in First Canadian Place, Toronto's biggest and snazziest office tower. Although the owners, Olympia and York, are worth \$3.5 billion, the cleaners are expected to support families on \$5.83 an hour. Therefore they went on strike on June 4, led by their union, the Food And Service Workers of Canada.

Support for the strike is strong among the union members and within the Portuguese community in Toronto, many of whom have joined the picket line. However, the strikers are shocked to find the Government of Canada trying to help the employer break the strike.

Canada Employment Centres are sending unemployed workers to cross the picket line. Not only does the Government use poor people against poor people, but it uses the workers' own unemployment insurance payments to defeat the workers. It is intimidating the unemployed by suggesting that if they do not cross the picket line they may lose their entitlement to unemployment insurance.

The Portuguese cleaning women on strike, and all other workers, are angry at what is called "being kicked with their own boot."

I demand that the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts), when he returns from his paid vacation with the leadership campaign, immediately make a public declaration assuring unemployed workers that they will not lose their entitlement to unemployment insurance by respecting and refusing to cross a legal picket line.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP

Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): This day the Liberal Party of Canada bids a special farewell and thank you to one of its most illustrious leaders and a most eminent parliamentarian. It is my concern that at this time we should reflect on the principles that have guided our Leader in Parliament.

His irrepressible debating skills will not soon be forgotten, especially by the opposition Parties. His arguments inevitably were based on rational thinking and logic, rather than on emotion. They were motivated by an intense love of country and a respect for all Canadians. His goal was unity of the country and a federal Government that spoke for all of Canada.

His statements were always tempered by respect for the rule of law and the judgments of the courts of this land. His decisions took into account the historic perspective of Canada.