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AIR INDIA FLIGHT 182

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, in 1985 the largest mass murder in Canadian history took place, yet not a single charge has been laid against anyone concerning the Air India Flight 182 bombing, this despite one of the costliest investigations undertaken by the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

There have been reports of bungled surveillance, erased tapes, and in-fighting between the two agencies. They were supposed to work in concert on this investigation, yet they have produced nothing.

So far the government has refused every request to look into the investigation. Now that the trial of Mr. Reyat in Vancouver is over, there is absolutely no reason for the Solicitor General to refuse to undertake a full judicial inquiry into this whole matter.

The lack of results in the Air India bombing, where 369 innocent people were killed, begs the question "why", a question which will only be answered by a full and impartial judicial inquiry.

[Translation]

THE THRONE SPEECH

The Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, we heard a Throne Speech which is totally unresponsive to the reality in Canada, and especially in Quebec. Today, there was a general outcry throughout Quebec, in opposition to the government's intention to interfere with education. Even Maurice Duplessis must be turning in his grave. The federal government is insensitive, just like the leader of the opposition who agrees that Ottawa should interfere with job training and education.

Mr. Speaker, today, the Quebec minister of Education said that this is not acceptable. He thinks the Canadian government is using tactics of provocation, and calls it an irresponsible government. The people opposite have lost control. They ignore historic realities, and in particular the importance of sovereign provincial powers, as specified in our present Constitution, Mr. Speaker. They do not even respect the Constitution.

VIA RAIL

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, from January 1, 1989 to February 10, 1990, VIA Rail's management in Montreal prepared the elimination of passenger trains in Abitibi. VIA Rail eliminated 81 trains out of 174 in that area, 69 of those for lack of equipment and/or crew. It seems odd that this information was not passed on to travellers. Usually, VIA Rail's passengers are informed of transfers on the schedule. Why make an exception for Abitibi? The service reduction by VIA Rail followed the traditional model of progressive reduction and deterioration. The same thing happened with the service between Senneterre and Rouyn: transfer to Senneterre, followed by elimination.

That is the kind of work that the president, the board of directors and public relations officers of VIA Rail in Montreal do to the detriment of travellers, without telling anybody.

[English]

NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Tourism Week, an event which is very important to my province of Prince Edward Island.

Tourism is the Island's second largest industry, responsible for 10 per cent of the provincial income, the largest of any province in Canada.

The government of Prince Edward Island, the provincial tourism industry, and others are planning a big celebration for tourism week. This year we celebrate our Scottish heritage. The Road to the Isles celebration will include many community events and clan gatherings, including the fourth international gathering of the clans in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Visitors to the island will always be treated to our warm hospitality, our rich culture and heritage, delicious seafood, beautiful beaches and landscapes.

I want to take this opportunity to invite all Canadians to Prince Edward Island this summer for a vacation experience second to none.