

be given. That is exactly what the space agency is now trying to do.

POSITION OF GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, the Minister is obviously totally unaware of what has been going on, the lack of information made available to these scientists, and the total disregard for their concerns.

Does the Government, as the Prime Minister seemed to indicate on Wednesday, really think it is unCanadian to be concerned about your family, your children's education, your career, and the program to which you have devoted your life?

Why is the Prime Minister insulting those people who have proved their commitment to Canada through their whole life's work? When will he address their problems instead of insulting them?

Hon. William C. Winegard (Minister of State (Science and Technology)): Mr. Speaker, discussions have been ongoing as late as yesterday in terms of how this move could be effected with the minimum disruption to the people concerned. There have been special discussions concerning how we are actually to help the people move.

The people of St. Hubert and the South Shore have a committee organized to welcome the people. The universities in the Montreal area have all been anxious to participate in helping those scientists, particularly helping them to get appointments on the staffs of the universities. These discussions are going on and are proceeding.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF ANDY BRANDT, LEADER OF THE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF ONTARIO

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I wish to draw to the attention of Members the presence in our gallery today of Mr. Andy Brandt, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Oral Questions

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF DELEGATION OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I also wish to draw to the attention of Members the presence in our gallery of a delegation of European parliamentarians, members of the Subcommittee on Transatlantic Trade Relations of the North Atlantic Assembly, led by Mr. Robert McCrindle.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FOREIGN AID—HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It concerns the statement yesterday by the Minister for External Relations that human rights records are not considered when making foreign aid decisions.

This contradicts stated government policy and Canada's focus at the recent Francophonie summit in Dakar where the Prime Minister stated "human rights are inseparable and indispensable from development".

Does the Government have a policy relating to human rights records in foreign assistance? When will the platitudes end and action begin?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, two points: the name is the Francophone Summit.

The second point I would like to make is that I think the Hon. Member owes it to the House to quote correctly what the Minister for External Relations stated.

The Minister for External Relations stated that there is a human rights component in the judgments that are taken by the Canadian International Development Agency. She made the point that already in the last 12 months there has been a decision taken with respect to Haiti that was taken on human rights grounds.

She was asked a question as to whether in the allocation of budget cuts to the aid program there was going to be account taken in that process of the human rights situation. She stated that the process by which the