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Together with my fellow constituents in Carleton—Gloucester, I salute the efforts of those who initiated the idea of bringing these championships here. Their countless volunteer hours of preparation have culminated in a world class event.

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Good luck to all athletes!

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MEDIA

Mr. Charles DeBlois (Montmorency—Orléans): Mr. Speaker, it is with no light heart that I rise today to denounce an anti-Quebec hate campaign on which have embarked a number of Toronto media and especially Quebec city *Toronto Sun* correspondent Peter Stockland.

By writing that the mere mention of a so-called Quebec culture would prompt Herman Goering into drawing his 44 Magnum, the journalist who claims that the poor Quebec Anglophones are persecuted by their fellow citizens and their Government can only exacerbate the current tensions between francophones and anglophones in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, in this crucial period for national unity and the future of Canada, Canadians can do without such invitations to violence and intolerance from certain irresponsible journalists and media.

I strongly urge journalist Peter Stockland and the *Toronto Sun* to apologize publicly not only to Quebecers, but to all Canadians.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): On January 31st, 1990, Mr. Speaker, the National Transportation Agency announced that the Canadian National Railways could not stop operating the Franquet—Chapais line in the Chapais subdivision.

The Agency ordered the CNR to carry out the necessary work to update the line and resume operation by July 31st, 1990. The Agency determined that the real losses incurred by the CNR in the operation of this line amounted to \$590,444, which is considerably less than the \$5,403,646 which the CNR had tabled for the years between 1984 and 1987.

Moreover, the Agency questioned the amount of savings in operating costs which the CNR had forecasted following the abandonment of the line. It expressed its concern about the evidence showing that the CNR was following a rail service demarketing policy on this line.

Mr. Speaker, the people in the Abitibi—Chapais area are grateful to Mr. Weinberg, who chaired the meeting, member Nicole Forget, as well as Councils Michèle Hurteau, Claude Jacques and Danielle Bouvet of the National Transportation Agency.

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ITALIAN CANADIANS

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, there has been a great injustice that has gone on in this country for 50 years, and that is the government's refusal to apologize to Italian Canadians for the internment of 700 Italian Canadians during the Second World War.

In 1939, Mr. Dominic Nardocchio of Sydney, Nova Scotia, was 35 years of age. He was taken from his wife, his eight children and the job that he had and was interned for two years because the government felt he committed one crime and that was being an Italian Canadian. After 50 years, the Government of Canada still refuses to apologize to these people.

The National Congress of Italian Canadians in Canada wants only one thing, an apology. That is not asking too much. I would ask the government of this country to make this apology today to these Italian Canadians.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, Manitobans are getting a hard lesson in just how little Conservatives everywhere care about the environment. The Manitoba Eco-Network, a group diligent in their defence of the province's environment, has had to close its doors today because of a lack of funding. Not only is its share of federal money inadequate, but the Filmon government in Manitoba has so far refused to even grant it enough money to survive until the next fiscal year in