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clearly must come from the top and I commend the Prime Minister for acting in such a decisive manner, whereas the opposition Parties are clearly confused and divided on this most important issue.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

FUTURE OF TORONTO POSTAL STATION

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, this morning I received a letter from a citizen concerned about the closure of Postal Station "A" on Front Street in Toronto. I would like to read the letter to the House. It says:

I contacted the station manager, who did confirm that the station, one of the largest in the country, was being permanently closed March 28. I asked him when we would be getting notice of this in our postal boxes and he said we wouldn't, that the only notice would be on the outer doors of the station and they wouldn't be going up until the day of March 28.

I told him I thought this lack of previous notice was somewhat unfair and he replied that he only carries out Canada Post Corporation policy, he neither sets them nor offers opinions on them.

What kind of policy is that? Now the Canada Post Corporation does not even give notice of a closure. Shame on the Post Office!

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[Translation]

THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

CONGRATULATIONS EXTEND TO ROLAND JONES OF LOURDES-DU-BLANC-SABLON

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, as unbelievable as it may seem, it is possible for a deaf-mute to work in a radio station. To wit, that young resident of Lourdes-du-Blanc-Sablou on Quebec's lower North Shore, who chose that kind of work to earn a living despite his lifelong handicap. He is a unique case in this country's radio broadcasting community.

Roland Jones is 24 and has been attracted to radio for a long time. When he learned that he could be gainfully employed at the Blanc-Sablou community radio station, thanks to a Canadian job development program, Roland Jones took that chance. The station manager, Mr. Alain Vaillancourt, had given his word that he would take him on his staff at the end of that program.

So Mr. Jones is now hosting a radio program between 1 and 4 p.m. Since he has been at his job, reports Mr. Alain Vaillancourt, Mr. Jones has brightened up to a surprising degree. His parents can hardly believe the extent to which he has evolved. His general behaviour has changed, all due to his job.

On behalf of the Prime Minister and Hon. Member for Manicouagan, (Mr. Mulroney) and on behalf of all of us, I say: Bravo, Roland Jones!

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CANADIAN EMBASSY IN FINLAND—CALL FOR RETENTION

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, the Government's decision to close the Canadian Embassy in Finland has aroused much reaction. My friend, the Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez), and I raised questions about the decision with the Minister the day after it was announced. The Finnish-Canadian Cultural Federation expressed feelings of indignation and shame over this seemingly arbitrary decision which ignored vitally important political and diplomatic considerations.

I explored these considerations in the adjournment debate on February 9 of this year citing reasons why the decision to close our Embassy in Helsinki is a mistake. The Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association responded to these concerns last Wednesday evening with a unanimous motion asking the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) to reverse his decision.

I express the pleasure of many Canadians, especially my Finnish-Canadian constituents, at the news that the Minister is reconsidering the decision. I urge him to reassert Canada's support, in the words of the Finnish-Canadian Cultural Federation, for "little powers such as Finland" by announcing that the Canadian Embassy in Helsinki will continue to work for Finnish-Canadian friendship and good international relations generally.

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AQUACULTURE

PROSPECTS FOR FISH FARMING INDUSTRY

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, you do not hunt cows any more, you farm them, as people have done for thousands of years. However, we still hunt fish. Fish farming is a better idea. It is more productive and will, in the years to come, provide a better quality, lower cost food product.

World-wide about 9 million tonnes, or 12 per cent of over-all fish production, is farmed rather than hunted. Canadian entrepreneurs and investors are to be applauded for recognizing the natural advantages which exist in Canada, especially British Columbia, for aquaculture. By 1990 it is expected that