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to Atlanta, Georgia, since this U.S. plant has also suffered job cuts. The number of jobs at the plant has dropped by 270.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds are up. The Hon. Member for Laurier (Mr. Berger).

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[English]

NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY ADVOCATED

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, is nuclear war inevitable? Is war inherent in the fabric of history? What is to be done about it? Is there a special role for Canada? These were some of the questions asked and answered at an extraordinary conference on peace and security held in Montreal last week.

The writer, Elie Wiesel, stated the evident: the next summit conference between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev must take place. He added that it should take place in Hiroshima.

Our Amabassador to the U.N., Mr. Lewis, stated that Canadians must promote a comprehensive test ban treaty, without the slightest equivocation. The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) should forcefully convey these views to President Reagan and the western leaders in Tokyo next week. He should insist that concrete steps be taken to arrive at a comprehensive test ban treaty in the near future. Canadians will be watching, and Canadians demand no less.

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[Translation]

TOURISM

HIGHWAY NETWORK IN THE OUTAOUAIS—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Barry Moore (Pontiac—Gatineau—Labelle): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about the importance of tourism in the outer regions. In the riding of Pontiac—Gatineau—Labelle, the most beautiful riding in Quebec, tourism is becoming a very important industry.

Unfortunately, our road system has not kept up with these development. However, things are changing. Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, a \$100-million program was announced for repairing and developing the Outaouais road system.

The federal Government has agreed to give \$45 million for this project, under a shared-cost program with the Government of Quebec.

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[English]

This project, which is to be completed over the course of the next four years, will allow easier access to the wonders of our region. Golfers, skiers, anglers, hunters, and nature lovers will now be able to come to our towns and villages by way of a modern and safe road system. With increased tourism, the economy of Pontiac—Gatineau—Labelle will prosper and our young people will no longer have to leave friends and family to find jobs.

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YOUTH

TIMING OF PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Well, folks, do you remember that new Tory youth program promised by the end of the last fiscal year—oops, I mean by the end of spring? We now have the latest updated report from the Minister of State in charge of opening youth employment centres. She says to look for it in the fall, or perhaps even in the winter.

I have a better idea. Start looking for the program close to the next election when the Minister will be pursuing her real job, trying to capture the youth vote. That is when the program will be announced. However, for both youth and the Tories, that will be too late.

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[Translation]

FISHERIES

ACQUISITION OF PÊCHERIES CARTIER INC. BY COOPÉRATIVE PURDEL—GOVERNMENT'S PRIVATIZATION POLICY

Mr. Charles-Eugène Marin (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, we were overjoyed to hear that a Gaspé co-operative was able to take over Pêcheries Cartier Inc., a Crown corporation with three seafood processing plants and a sales office.

This sale is in line with our renewed economy and our Government's privatization policy. By selling this Crown corporation to a flourishing and well-managed co-operative, we are guaranteeing not only its survival but also its future development.

The new owner, Coopérative Purdel, will continue to operate the plants and will maintain about 500 jobs.

In a region like the Gaspé, it was imperative to improve the productivity of a company that was in danger of closing down. By putting it in the hands of people in the industry, our Government has again shown its confidence in the entrepreneurship of Canadians, the Gaspé and Quebecers.