

LE SALON DE LA JEUNESSE

Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua (York North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the organizers of *Le Salon de la Jeunesse*, a pro-youth event which is taking place in Montreal this week.

It is encouraging that Canadians understand the importance of youth. Unfortunately this government does not.

As I travel across the nation with the joint Liberal committee on youth, I am constantly reminded of this government's failure to address the needs of young Canadians. The 405,000 young people on the unemployment rolls, the 30 per cent high school dropout rate, the 700,000 children dependent on food banks all testify to this government's cold indifference to our nation's youth.

We must put an end to the culture of neglect the young have been subjected to under this Conservative government.

Le Salon de la Jeunesse is a positive step toward addressing the needs and concerns of Canada's youth. I once again applaud the organizers and urge this government to take note.

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VIMY RIDGE

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, this week we remember and pay tribute to Canada's great victory at Vimy Ridge 75 years ago.

In capturing the ridge, 3,000 courageous soldiers gave up their lives to secure a victory where previously our allies had been unsuccessful. With that victory, the Dominion of Canada took its place among the nations of the world.

This year, as we celebrate our 125th anniversary as a nation, it is especially cogent to remember and give thanks to those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom 75 years ago.

It is a particular honour for me today to speak of World War I because by coincidence I am visited by my grand-aunt, Marguerite Hawken who is the sister of two of those World War I veterans. They were Gordon Gunn and Stewart Gunn and they, along with thousands of

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Canadians, fought so that Canada and all peace-loving nations could be free.

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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, last fall the Public Service Alliance filed a complaint with the International Labour Organization, the ILO, claiming the government's failure to bargain violated three ILO conventions with respect to freedom of association, this at the time the Prime Minister was angling for election as director general of the United Nations.

One would think that the Prime Minister, even if he was only contemplating a post at the UN, must have a very high regard for the UN and what it represents.

The International Labour Organization is the industrial relations arm of the UN. It is the world court for industrial relations.

I am sure that the Prime Minister will be shocked and dismayed to learn that his President of the Treasury Board has ignored the ILO's request that he respond to the Public Service Alliance complaint.

I appeal to the Prime Minister to insist that his minister show the level of respect for the UN that I know he would be pleased to show.

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ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION IN COMMERCIAL MATTERS

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec—Est): Mr. Speaker, as you probably know, in Quebec we have a non-profit organization that offers arbitration and mediation services in commercial matters. I am referring to the Quebec National and International Commercial Arbitration Centre, an institution created by and for Canadians which plays an important role in helping companies weather the globalization of our markets. These institutions are an excellent mechanism for settling trade disputes. Fortunately Canadian companies now have access to the same mechanisms as their foreign competitors.

Established in 1987, the centre has acquired a sound reputation, both nationally and internationally. Today the centre helps many companies deal quickly with counterproductive disputes and, in so doing, contributes