

the U.S. Everybody held their breath, until Canadian officials came back from Washington empty-handed. Today we know that there is no retaliation, no compensation, and no removal of the tariff.

What happened to the Prime Minister's special relationship with President Reagan? Does it really exist or is it tacky Tory public relations? Another page of incompetence and ineptness in the history of the Government was written over the past 10 days. What a sham.

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#### EXTERNAL AID

##### SOUTH AFRICA—UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION— CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, last week Canada played a helpful role in the UN Special Session on Africa. The Minister for External Relations (Mrs. Vézina) set a good tone when she announced a 15-year moratorium on the debt of sub-Saharan countries. Our Ambassador, Stephen Lewis, chaired a special committee which worked night and day to produce a document which "recognized the magnitude of Africa's debt and the severe and restrictive burden this has placed on many African countries". However, there are no dollar figures attached to that vague commitment to help.

In the face of African need, Canada cannot rest content with a minimal program, even if that program looks good in comparison to the programs of such bush league countries as Albania and the United States which were long on analysis but short on funds.

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#### CURRENCY

##### PORTRAYAL OF MONARCH ON NEW DOLLAR COIN

**Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington):** Mr. Speaker, in January of 1987, 300 million new one dollar coins will be struck by the Royal Canadian Mint at its Winnipeg facility. They will then be distributed throughout Canada. The bronze-plated nickel coin will have 11 sides, be slightly larger than a quarter, and last 19 years longer than the dollar bill. The traditional dollar coin voyageur design will be imprinted on one side, while the other side will picture Queen Elizabeth II.

As a descendant of United Empire Loyalists, and as one who takes pride in our country's history and heritage, I am pleased to know that our Queen is represented on this new coin. This country was built by our forefathers who were loyal subjects of the Monarchy. It is only fitting that our history be preserved and represented on our currency. I urge all Members of

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Parliament to support the continued use and portrayal of our Queen on Canadian coins.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

##### HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound—Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, this is Environment Week in Canada. It falls in the wake of the World Commission on Environment and Development hearings held last week in Ottawa. Canada's Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) opened the Commission hearings with a rousing speech last week and appeared on *The Nation's Business* last night, as well as officially opening Environment Week on Parliament Hill this morning. The Commission, composed of representatives from around the world, was chaired by Norway's new Prime Minister, Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland.

The World Commission on Environment and Development may constitute the last international hearings of this nature before the turn of the century. It is most fitting that Environment Week in Canada should immediately follow these important hearings. Every Canadian must become involved in securing a more wholesome environment for ensuing generations. For the common good the Government must forge ahead and push for greater environmental and developmental security world wide.

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#### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

##### JOB LOSSES IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent):** Mr. Speaker, CN announced on Friday that 105 jobs will be lost in the Atlantic provinces. Sixty-two of these jobs will be lost in New Brunswick. This is in addition to the 225 persons who were laid off at the CN shops in Moncton last fall.

These 105 jobs are lost because CN is in the process of consolidation and rationalization of its system. The end result of this process is that we are losing more jobs in New Brunswick than anywhere else in the country. What kind of rationale is this? How much more will we have to endure? Is that a reflection of the kind of presence we have in the Cabinet? Why does someone not react and say "Enough is enough"? I call on all the New Brunswick Members, and especially the Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew), to stand up and reject this unfair rationalization.