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needs of the people, our strategy takes into consideration the full development and use of a huge pool of human resources readily available for future investment.

Youth employment has improved since the September 1984 election. The unemployment rate among young Canadians aged 15 to 24 has dropped from 18.3 to 16.2 per cent in November 1985, a decline of 2.1 per cent. Mr. Speaker, such has been our performance on behalf of the people—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member, but his allotted time has expired.

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[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

CELEBRATION OF FIRST MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY IN UNITED STATES

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, today inaugurates a new national holiday in the United States which honours the life of Martin Luther King. It is a commemoration which many Canadians will want to share as Martin Luther King embodied a spirit which was universal in its meaning and impact. There is a tendency nowadays to look back at the 1960s as a time of disruption and disorder. In reality it was a time when men and women of all races and backgrounds sought to find a way to be free. They sought to break the tradition of years of discrimination and inequality. For some of us who lived, worked, and studied in the U.S. during the time of the civil rights movement, it was a profound experience to observe this human struggle which was so pure and divine in its attempt to achieve change for mankind.

All Canadians can honestly say that we share with the Americans their memory of the meaning of this man and the cause he represented so well. We commit ourselves to the ongoing struggle for equality which he represents. As Robert Kennedy said when he learned of the assassination of Martin Luther King, "Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: To tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world".

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, the Liberals have finally reached a decision about their stand on enhanced trade but they appear to be as confused as ever. I would like to clarify a few important points for them. First, when will they get it through their heads that the term "free trade" is their own fiction? Our Government is seeking to secure trade with the U.S. in light of the quantity of protectionist Bills before the U.S. Congress. We are seeking an enhanced market for

Canadian firms which wish to export their products south of the border. We are not seeking to open the borders between the two countries as the Opposition would have Canadians believe. It makes sense to secure and enhance access to the rapidly growing U.S. market which in 1984 alone purchased 75 per cent of our exports and generated 2 million Canadian jobs.

To set straight a second Liberal misconception, our Government is actively seeking to expand world trading markets. The Japanese Prime Minister said during his visit that he is impressed by our growing interest in Pacific Rim Trade. Our Minister for International Trade (Mr. Kelleher) has just returned from meetings in the U.S., Australia, and New Zealand, and is about to embark on a two-week trade tour of Asian countries. We have also offered to host the next GATT meeting in Montreal. The national trade strategy document tabled at the First Ministers' Conference in Halifax stresses our Government's commitment to international trade. I hope I have set the Liberals straight on this very vital issue so that they will stop misleading Canadians.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA MINISTER OF LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. Speaker: May I indicate the presence in our gallery today of the Minister of Lands and Forests of the Province of Nova Scotia, the Hon. Ken Streach.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

RESUMPTION OF LOGGING ON LYELL ISLAND, B.C.

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of the Environment I would like to ask a question of the Deputy Prime Minister. He will know that logging has resumed today on Lyell Island and South Moresby in the Queen Charlotte Islands. The federal Government, particularly through the intervention of the Prime Minister, seems not to have convinced the Premier of British Columbia. Therefore, will he report to the House on the conversations between the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of British Columbia on the status of logging on South Moresby in the Queen Charlotte Islands?

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I can assist.