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To add insult to injury, we must be the only nation to give this preferential treatment to offshore buyers, who get subsidized financing through the Canada Export Development Corporation. Yet our own Canadian shipowners see their Government assistance eliminated.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, where is the logic in that? The time for talk is over. The Canadian shipbuilding industry and the thousands of workers who depend upon it have been cast adrift by the Government. It is time the Government put both oars in the water and headed the economy in the direction of growth, rather than continue with its present course of going in circles.

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SMALL BUSINESS

FORECAST OF GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary East): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business recently announced that the six-month outlook for Canada indicates further growth in employment and investment for the independent business sector. Nearly 30 per cent of the firms responding forecast that they would increase employment, while only 5 per cent predicted lay-offs.

Moreover, investment plan responses were positive. As many as 42 per cent plan to increase capital investment, while nearly 41 per cent plan to increase working capital, including inventories.

Furthermore, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business noted the significance of the capital gains tax exemption, a measure which was included in the Budget of last May.

In the light of what I have just mentioned, it is obvious that the small business sector in Canada has been encouraged by the capital gains tax exemption, thus leading to a climate of confidence in the small business sector.

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SPORTS

NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM—SUPPORT URGED

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, Canadians were extremely proud last September when, for the first time in our history, our national soccer team qualified for the World Cup soccer tournament, to be held next year in Mexico. Since then, however, the national team has been living in a miserable, pitiful state. An article in the Toronto *Corriere Canadese* newspaper reported that the captain of the team and seven of his colleagues and their families are presently relying solely on unemployment insurance benefits, with no access to sports training funds.

Some Hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Marchi: Moreover, part of the team will train in Toronto, while the remainder will train separately in Vancou-

ver, the reason being that there are not enough funds to bring all the players and all the coaches together on one field at one time.

These conditions are undignified and unprofessional, and we are becoming an embarrassment in the eyes of the international sporting community.

The Canadian players and coaches have worked long and hard and have been successful despite government inaction. Other countries fully support their teams, and I believe our Canadian team should be accorded that same respect.

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The federal Government can and should help remedy this unfortunate reality. Let us live up to this historic occasion. For the Government to stand idly by and allow its national team to continue under substandard and archaic conditions would not only be irresponsible but would be a sporting and national disgrace.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

ONE MAN'S MEMORIES

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, Remembrance Day is a time to remember. I remember that it was not Canada, Britain, the United States or any of the NATO countries which started World War II; it was Hitler and his Nazis who wanted to conquer the world.

I remember Chamberlain, the appeaser, signing the agreement granting almost all of Hitler's demands, leaving Czechoslovakia defenceless and then returning to England where he announced "Peace in our time", to the applause of the people. There was not applause a few months later when Hitler seized the rest of Czechoslovakia and continued his war to conquer the world.

I remember the Nazi army with the modern weapons of war overwhelming the brave Dutch who tried to defend themselves with the few weapons they had, and the Nazi air force bombing the very daylight out of Amsterdam, killing thousands of men, women and children, and occupying that country.

I remember being in Holland to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by the Canadians. I saw the gratitude in the thousands of Hollanders who said: "Thank you for freeing us" to the Canadians who died and the Canadians who lived.

I remember the horrors of war. I remember that wars are started by men and nations who want to dominate the world. I remember the challenge given to all who love freedom from the graves of those who died to free others.

"Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw the torch . . ."

I remember! Je me souviens!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!