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Have you any political principle besides getting elected and holding power?—
Sincerely,

C.R. Guest.

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SPORTS

"THE BLUE JAYS HAVE STRUCK OUT!"

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I read the following with my deepest apology to Ernest Lawrence Thayer, wherever he may be:

It looked extremely rocky for the Blue Jay nine that day;
The score stood three to three with one game left to play.
So, when Barfield died at second, and Johnston did the same,
A pallor wreathed the features of the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go, leaving there the rest,
With that hope which springs eternal within the human breast.
For they thought: "If only the Blue Jays could get a whack at that",
They'd put even money now, with the Blue Jays at the bat.

Then from the gladdened multitude went up a joyous yell—
It rumbled in the mountaintops, it rattled in the dell;
It struck upon the hillside and rebounded on the flat;
The Blue Jays, the mighty Blue Jays, were advancing to the bat.

But they left their men on second; and also first and third;
Bobby stood a-watching, to see what had occurred,
And there they stayed for time and time again;
Bobby's face grew stern and cold; his muscles began to strain.

Oh somewhere in this favoured land the sun is shining bright;
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light;
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout,
But there is no joy in Hog Town: The Blue Jays have struck out.

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[Translation]

THE ECONOMY

VITALITY OF ECONOMY IN RIDING OF ARGENTEUIL-PAPINEAU

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil-Papineau): Mr. Speaker, our friends opposite must have been very disappointed upon reading in the papers this morning that our Government has maintained its popularity ratings and still has the confidence of the majority of Canadians.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Bourgault: This kind of success is not achieved by scandal-mongering or verbal fireworks. It is based on the facts of our Canadian economy today, and that is what the people wanted on September 4, 1984.

Mr. Speaker, in Argenteuil-Papineau, in my riding, three new industries will be opening very shortly, creating over 160 permanent jobs. Boverre and Faro Dentaire, of Italian origin, will create 58 and 54 permanent jobs, respectively, and invest over \$17 million. Nora, a mineral water bottling plant, will create 48 permanent jobs with \$8 million invested.

Mr. Speaker, these are only a few examples of the economic vitality of my riding, and I am sure that the new employment programs introduced by our Government will help give hundreds of Canadian unemployed workers, especially youth and women, an opportunity to acquire experience and find permanent and satisfying employment.

Mr. Speaker, the people judge a Government by its acts and intentions, not by the partisan critique exercised by my friends opposite.

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[English]

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

TRIP BY LIBERAL MEMBERS TO TAIWAN

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, Conservative Party MPs have a long tradition of accepting freebee trips to countries such as South Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan. But what about the Liberals? On Tuesday—

Ms. Copps: What about Soviet Union? What about Ed Broadbent's visit to the Soviet Union? What about Ed?

Mr. Rodriguez: On Tuesday night, two Liberal MPs, the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Boudria) and the Hon. Member for Richmond-Wolfe (Mr. Tardif), returned from their own all-expenses-paid junket to Taiwan. Mr. Speaker, while it may not have cost those two MPs a cent to spend ten days in Taiwan, there is indeed a price to pay. In the last two years Canadian wheat sales to the China that Canada recognizes were valued at \$1.3 billion. Was it worth risking the future of Canadian wheat exports to China for ten days in Taiwan?

What kind of signal is the Liberal Party sending to the Government of China when it authorizes its MPs to accept freebee low-road-to-Formosa junkets?

Is the Liberal Party prepared to endorse the view of the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell that the Taiwanese Government, a Government which does not allow opposition Parties to campaign in elections, is, and I quote, "a very good, very progressive, very open government"?

And finally, Mr. Speaker, what about the textile workers who live in the riding of the Liberal MP for Richmond-Wolfe? What price will they pay when their own MP would rather accept an all-expenses-paid trip to Taiwan than to stand up and defend Canadian jobs against sweatshop textile imports from countries like Taiwan?

Mr. Speaker, the Rat Pack is not dead; it is on sabbatical in Taiwan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!