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RACISM

RE-EMERGENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN ALBERTA

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I am ashamed to say that anti-semitism has again raised its ugly head in my home Province. When I returned home from overseas as a Social Credit MLA, I found antisemitism in the Social Credit movement. Premier Manning was also concerned and asked me to take over the Social Credit paper to root out all anti-semitism. I accepted this chore and fired all of the staff who indicated any anti-semitism, and after editing the paper for several months it appeared that anti-semitism had been cleaned out of the movement.

Now it has raised its ugly head again and Premier Lougheed has declared that anti-semitism has no place in the PC Party. Our own Leader, the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen), in an address before the Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal yesterday, stated, "I find it shameful and intolerable that individuals are ignorant of one of the world's ghastly catastrophes", and in dealing with Nazi participants in the Holocaust, "We are dealing with mass murderers".

Thousands of Canadians of all racial origins, including Canadians of Jewish origin, fought and many died in the last war in order that never again would millions of people of any race be exterminated. The Holocaust is real; more than six million Jews died, and those who lived through it can never forget. Yet Abraham Heschel, a Jew from Poland, was able to say "The earth is the Lord's." From the burning embers of the Holocaust was born the new State of Israel where the hopes and aspirations of the Jewish people are being realized.

But there can be no statute of limitations on the war criminals responsible for the living horror perpetuated on the Jews in the Holocaust.

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TRADE

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR TALKS WITH VISITING SOVIET OFFICIALS

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, it has been brought to our attention that there are a number of Soviet officials in Canada who will be visiting throughout the country, and meeting with the Government of Canada. The purpose of the meeting is to improve trade relations.

I hope that the Government bears in mind, when meeting with the Soviet officials, the wish of the majority of Canadians that there be a concerted effort toward the de-escalation of the arms race and that we want to see from the Soviets as well as the United States an effort made to eliminate the threat of nuclear war from Europe.

Equally important, I hope that the Government raises with those officials the plight of Soviet Jews, which has long been of concern to Canadians, and that it ask the officials representing Canada at the talks to make clear to the Soviet officials

visiting Canada that these issues must be part of the over-all discussion since they are of primary concern to Canadians.

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SPORTS

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE FRANCHISE TO SASKATOON

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, this week Mr. Bill Hunter and his colleagues, as well as Mayor Cliff Wright of Saskatoon, and Culture and Youth Minister Paul Schoenhals of Saskatchewan, will meet with the NHL Board of Governors. The object of this visit is, of course, to secure the transfer of the St. Louis Blues to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

This transfer is considered by Saskatchewan residents to be of the utmost importance. To possess within our borders a National Hockey League franchise is, for us, a coming of age. It provides the city and the Province with a certain prestige. More important, it confirms Saskatoon and Saskatchewan for what they are—major league in every way, including sports.

Residents of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan have always been avid sports participants and supporters. The exploits of football's Saskatchewan Roughriders, with one of the highest levels of fan support in Canada, are well known. Every little town has its own skating rink and its own curling rink. It is no small wonder that hockey greats like Gordie Howe, the Bentleys, Brian Trottier and Bob Bourne, to name only a few, have come from our towns and villages.

It is good for Canada and national unity to have a major international sports franchise within our Province. It brings attention to Canada and it sparks pride within our nation. It is the creation of an institution that truly means something to the average man, woman, and child.

Saskatchewan residents are prepared and able to support this endeavour. When the possibility of a team became known in Saskatchewan, Mr. Hunter received 18,000 requests for season tickets.

I call upon the Government to lend its support for this transfer to the City of Saskatoon. It is important that the federal Government state and communicate its support for a very worthy and popular project to the National Hockey League Board of Governors.

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EMPLOYMENT

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT CENTRE—ATTENDANCE AT OPENING CEREMONY

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, I would like to address a situation which was brought to my attention through a memorandum sent to the managers of the Canadian Employment Centres located in Charlottetown and Summerside, Prince Edward Island, by the regional manager of public