

be inappropriate for the President of the United States to visit that cemetery.

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COMMEMORATION OF HOLOCAUST'S ENDING

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, over 3,000 members of the Canadian Jewish community from coast to coast have gathered to observe the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of the Jews from the Nazi oppression in Europe. I attended the opening plenary session last evening where several Holocaust survivors and their children spoke with emotion and passion about their painful memories.

We cannot let Canadians, nor indeed the world, forget the unspeakable atrocities which were committed. Six million Jews were slaughtered. In memory of those millions of people who were starved, tortured, and killed, we must rededicate ourselves to taking steps to ensure that such wicked atrocities will never occur again.

My Government has appointed the Hon. Justice Jules Deschênes to conduct investigations into the alleged presence of war criminals in Canada. We must also deal more effectively with anti-semitism, other forms of racism, and hate literature. The victims and survivors of the Holocaust must never be put on trial again with the cruel responsibility to prove the existence of the Holocaust.

We can best honour the memories of the millions of Jews who were so mindlessly killed, the survivors, and the children of the survivors, by joining our hands and our hearts in a prayerful commitment to action.

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Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, as the Member for the constituency of Willowdale, which has the largest Jewish population in Canada next to the riding of Mount Royal, and as a person who witnessed first hand the atrocities of World War II in my native Holland, I also wish to inform the House of the Canadian gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors and their children which is taking place today and tomorrow here in Ottawa, commemorating the fortieth anniversary of that liberation.

The objectives of this gathering are to assemble Holocaust survivors of all faiths and races on the anniversary of their liberation to commemorate the memory of six million Jews, and millions of others, who perished in the Holocaust. The survivors wish to recognize the contribution of the Canadian Armed Forces in the struggle against our common enemy, and to express their appreciation to the people of Canada and their Government for the opportunity to build a new life out of the

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ashes and despair of that terrible and frightening period of our history.

Sitting in the House are a number of the survivors of this tragic event who have come from all over Canada to attend the commemorative events of this fortieth anniversary of the liberation. We welcome them, and recognize their enormous contributions to Canadian society and culture. We share a common goal with the survivors, that the lesson of the Holocaust is not to be forgotten. Man's inhumanity to man, caused by the perversity of discrimination and racism, is not to be tolerated.

Mr. Speaker: May I remind Members at this point that any reference to the presence of anyone in the galleries of the House is entirely out of order.

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Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, today is a date of remembrance in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of Holocaust survivors. We dedicate this day, not only to the memory of the six million Jews who perished, but also to all of us committed to the principles of justice, freedom, understanding, and peace.

The act of remembering must include awareness, which subsequently must lead to action. Racism and intolerance must be fought now on all levels to help all peoples. In no way may we remain indifferent.

We are reminded today of the violence, both past and present, which is a menace to all societies in which bigotry and hatred are allowed to spread unchecked to the detriment of all. Action must be undertaken in the name of human compassion, justice, and memory, so that no group will be allowed to suffer from racial discrimination.

Today members of the Canadian Jewish community, and others dedicated to peace and tolerance, are gathered in testament to survival and continuity. We will remember and commemorate those who suffered, and celebrate in an expression of solidarity, determination, and hope for all Canadians so that the lesson of the Holocaust will always be remembered. Like second generation survivors, we vow that it shall never happen again.

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EXTERNAL AID

UNION'S PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN TO HELP FAMINE VICTIMS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations, and that of the entire New Democratic Party caucus, to Gerard Doquier and the Canadian division of the United Steelworkers of America for their generosity in introducing a permanent payroll deduction plan to raise money for famine relief in the Third World.