

cut off all aid to Honduras until it changes its policies in Central America.

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### HUMAN RIGHTS

#### PLEA THAT SOVIET UNION GRANT EXIT VISAS TO PROSPECTIVE JEWISH EMIGRANTS

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Willowdale):** Mr. Speaker, this is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On behalf of the Parliamentary Group on Soviet Jewry, I appeal to the Government of the U.S.S.R. to alleviate the presently deteriorating condition of the Jewish community in the Soviet Union.

In the past three years Jewish emigration from the U.S.S.R. has been on a steady decline. In 1983 it will be less than 3 per cent of the 1979 figure, notwithstanding the tens of thousands of Jews who have declared their intention and desire to leave. There are thousands of Soviet Jews who have been denied exit visas, many waiting for over 10 years. Jews continue to be singled out and imprisoned, with Dr. Joseph Begun being the most egregious example of a man now imprisoned for no crime other than his desire to teach the Hebrew language. Members of the Jewish community have been harassed and threatened for simply attempting to pray, to learn Hebrew, or to learn about their cultural heritage.

The Soviet Union has embarked upon a campaign of anti-Semitism designed to vilify the Jewish community. This campaign accuses those who desire to maintain a Jewish life or learn Hebrew of being traitors to the U.S.S.R. The recent formation of the Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Public can only further serve to create an atmosphere of anti-Semitism.

We call upon the Government of the Soviet Union to permit those Jews who wish to emigrate their right to be reunified with their families, as prescribed in the Final Act of the Helsinki Accords, and to be repatriated to their historic homeland as guaranteed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and urge that the U.S.S.R. cease its continued harassment of those denied exit visas, and curtail organized programs of anti-Semitism.

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[Translation]

### YOUTH

#### PROMISES CONTAINED IN SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

**Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to pursue the line of thought of the Member for Lotbinière (Mr. Dubois) who expressed his satisfaction with the Government's job creation efforts aimed at young people. Mr. Speaker, of course we agree entirely with the principle that a special effort must be made to create jobs for young people. However, the least the Government can do is to be honest about what it says

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to Canadian young people. There is a reference to \$1 billion in funding, giving the impression that this is new funding, although that is only true of 25 percent of these funds. A little simple arithmetic shows only 25 percent of this funding is new money, and if we go a little further, Mr. Speaker, I am not so sure even that much will be found to be new money.

In the circumstances, this effort, which may seem very substantial, does not represent that much, because \$250 million for 545,000 young people in Canada today who are out of work means that under the programs that provide \$200 per week for twenty weeks, they will go back on unemployment insurance in any case, and they should at least be told these are temporary jobs and that the \$250 million will help only 10 per cent of the 545,000 young people concerned. Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Government, first of all, to be honest with our young people and to do more for young Canadians who need our help.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### EMPLOYMENT

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND

**Mr. Brian Mulroney (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I want to welcome the Prime Minister back from his most recent trip and to wish him well, on behalf of my Party, in any of the projects that he undertakes in regard to peace. We have offered our full co-operation, and shall continue to do so.

Before the Prime Minister departs again, however, it would be important if he would clarify a very unbecoming degree of confusion which has already emerged in regard to yesterday's Throne Speech. There is a reference in the Speech to a "\$1 billion Youth Opportunity Fund" from "re-allocated and new resources". The Minister of Finance said in a subsequent interview yesterday that this would be made up of \$260 million of new money, with \$50 million coming from the Unemployment Insurance Fund, for a total of \$312 million of new money directed to youth unemployment. The Minister of Employment and Immigration, in an interview at just about the same time, said there will be \$400 million in new funds. In 15 minutes \$88 million slipped between the cracks. This might not be much to the Government, but it means a great deal to 1.4 million people who cannot find jobs at all.

Can the Prime Minister clear up the confusion? Realizing that he quite properly pointed out that it is new and old money, is the fund really in the amount of \$1 billion? Is the fund to be in the amount of \$400 million, or \$312 million, or \$260 million, given the impact of the UIC contribution?