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THE CONSTITUTION

NEED FOR RECOGNIZING SPECIAL STATUS FOR QUEBEC

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, the constitutional conference called by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) so that Quebec can join the Canadian Constitution seems to have got off on the wrong foot. Yesterday Mr. Pawley, the NDP Premier of Manitoba, said Quebec was not different and that he was against special status. Today Mr. Getty, the Conservative Premier of Alberta, says he is against special status for Quebec, and that when he was a football player, he didn't notice any difference in the spectators from that province. And yesterday, a proposal by the Premier of Quebec to have the province's authority to select its own immigrants enshrined in the Constitution, a matter of vital importance, was turned down by the Prime Minister of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Conservative Members from Quebec and the Leader of the New Democratic Party to urge the two Premiers to come to their senses and enable Quebec to join the Canadian Constitution by recognizing Quebec's special status.

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NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

QUEBEC

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the press had some troubling news: "The real face of the NDP which treats Quebec like a third world country". At the convention in Montreal, an NDP Member from Ontario representing garment workers described the situation of francophone Quebecers in apocalyptic terms. She said, in referring to Quebecers: "They are oppressed, like Blacks and women; they do not have the right to speak French and are kept in line by their anglophone bosses; and they have the worst schools and the worst hospitals."

Mr. Speaker, Quebecers do not need a lesson from the NDP, and I suggest that this Party which is full of the most flagrant contradictions brush up on its facts. We do not need the comments of NDP Howard Pawley, who conducted a wide-open campaign against Quebec in the CF-18 dossier. Quebecers do not need the comments of Allan Blakeney, who one night in November, 1981, cooked up an agreement with the Liberals which excluded Quebec.

Quebecers will not support a socialist party financed by the CTC and Shirley Carr, without the consent of the membership. Workers of Canada, beware! The team of Shirley Carr and Broadbent is determined to invest your union dues in their election campaign. And I want all Quebecers to know that

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their Conservative Members, including the Member for Beauce, will continue to protect their interests.

What do Ontario, the west and the Maritime Provinces think of the resolutions that were adopted Saturday in Montreal by the New Democratic Party? A two-faced party, Mr. Speaker.

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CANADIAN MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

MANAGEMENT OF GRANVILLE ISLAND PUBLIC MARKET

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the Granville Island Business Association in Vancouver has released a strongly worded report which questions the organization of the Granville Island Public Market and the management practices of CMHC. The report calls on the Minister responsible for housing to strike an independent task force to study solutions for the market. Market merchants have strongly endorsed the report and put forward a list of highly qualified individuals willing to serve on the task force. The Government must start recognizing the legitimate needs of the small business community on Granville Island and act quickly on this matter.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REPORTED INVOLVEMENT OF CANADIAN COMPANIES IN ROUTING SUPPLIES TO HONDURAN CONTRAS

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago I alleged in this House that Canada was involved in the arms trade with the Contras in Nicaragua. We were involved through covert activity to get around the U.S. congressional ban of 1984. Examples were Propair Caribou planes going to the Contras, and Trans World Arms.

I have obtained from the Tower Commission the flow chart from Colonel Oliver North's office which shows Trans World Arms was indeed involved, as well as Defex of Portugal. I have obtained Spanish copies of two end-user certificates, one used by Energy Resources International, a company controlled by Oliver North and Richard Secord, and exactly the same wording was on the certificate used by Trans World Arms of 5340 Ferrier Street in Montreal. This is conclusive evidence to show that Canadian companies were involved in the White House undercover project. There should be a public inquiry in Canada and a Canadian response to the Tower Commission report on those matters involving Canada.