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[Translation]

SHIPYARDS

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Mr. Édouard Desrosiers (Hochelaga—Maisonneuve): For several days now, Mr. Speaker, Opposition Members have been trying to intimidate Quebec shipyard workers by making every kind of unfounded allegations concerning our Government's plans about the survival of this major industry.

As a responsible Government we have decided to give serious consideration to this matter and to launch a consultation process involving all participants. Unlike the Liberals who for 20 years ignored the shipbuilding industry and let it go down the drain, we in the Conservative Party want to make sure it will survive to become a strong and prosperous business.

Mr. Speaker, my riding is home to Versatile Vickers, one of Canada's most productive and efficient shipyards. The workers need not worry about the ongoing process because the shipbuilding industry can indeed look forward to a promising future throughout Quebec.

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[English]

CHALLENGE '86

EMPLOYMENT FUNDING OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday we were treated to the spectacle of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) defending government policies which mean this summer there will be hundreds, if not thousands, of children in camps for the mentally retarded who will be denied service, denied a chance to go to camp. At the same time the Government is funding projects like running rides at La Ronde, working in 7-Eleven stores, and stocking shelves for the Oshawa group.

I think it is an outrage that the Government's quota system for the private sector has meant that many, in fact thousands of good public and non-profit projects have been turned down or have been cut back. There has been a 44 per cent cut in the city of Toronto. At the same time the private sector is getting funded for projects which will never lead to any kind of professional development.

We do not need funding for 7-Eleven stores in this country. We need good non-profit funding, the kind that was delivered under past Liberal Governments and will be delivered in the future if we get a chance to cut back on this Government's private sector privatization fetish.

[Translation]

FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES

UTILIZATION OF FRENCH LANGUAGE COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): In Montreal recently, Mr. Speaker, after the francophone summit in Paris, the Governments of Canada and Quebec played hosts to officials responsible for data processing in francophone countries.

Under the theme "The computer and its applications in francophone countries", the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation invited member States to a one-week seminar.

The objectives were, first to consider problems related to the development and use of French language computer software and, second, to draft strategies for data processing projects. One of the central issues was the advent of a new kind of international co-operation based on a spirit of partnership.

We urge all participants to continue their efforts to promote wider use of French language computer software.

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[English]

VISIBLE MINORITIES

INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE CANADIANS DURING WORLD WAR II—COMPENSATION ISSUE

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, this past weekend the National Association of Japanese Canadians stated that \$25,000 for each surviving internee and a \$50 million community fund would represent appropriate compensation for wartime losses. The Minister of State for Multiculturalism (Mr. Jelinek) has talked carelessly in the past of redress demands which might exceed \$5 million. He has rejected the Price Waterhouse calculations of \$443 million. Now he is critical of the NAJC proposal which would cost no more than \$300 million.

The time has surely come for the Government to review negotiations with the NAJC. The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised the Japanese Canadian community a redress settlement. Does he think a \$6 million human rights foundation represents adequate redress? Is he going to continue letting a flippant Minister pursue this issue in his own divisive way? When will the Prime Minister demonstrate his grasp of proper redress by sending Government representatives to negotiate with the NAJC?