

Liberal Party could see for himself that his Party is experiencing communication problems.

However the positive aspect is that the leader strengthens his position as such, at least when he physically appears with his troops, and their discipline was obvious in this House when the President of the United States referred to the liberalization of our trade: none of the Liberals applauded in the House. When the American President mentioned the priority of private enterprise, no applause from the Liberals. When the President linked foreign aid to trade liberalization, again no applause from the Liberals. When the President twice rose the issue of national defence, no applause from the Liberals.

Mr. Speaker, this is hardly the way to launch a communication program. If the Leader of the Liberal Party is anxious to have more photo sessions with the President of the United States he will have to change his negative approach towards the United States, and perhaps he ought to be more receptive with respect to the positions of the dissident members of his caucus.

Then he might not have to tell the House—and we have our doubts about this—and I quote: “The President asked to see me”. See *Hansard* for April 7, 1987.

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### ROAD SAFETY

#### SUGGESTED MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF SHOULDER BELTS IN CAR BACK SEATS

**Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic):** Mr. Speaker, I have another letter which I wish to put on the record on the subject of making three-point rear seat-belts mandatory in all cars built or sold in Canada. The letter is addressed to Dr. Campbell of Transport Canada and is signed by Mrs. Marilyn Riseborough of Woodlawn, Ontario. It states:

While watching the TV program *The Fifth Estate* . . . I was shocked to hear one of your staff members . . . say that one of the reasons for no shoulder seat belts in the back seats of cars in Canada was “because not many people ride in the back seats of cars in Canada” —

One car manufacturer’s representative on the same program stated the cost for these shoulder belts is negligible.

You people set the standard, why are you not seeing that these belts are mandatory in all vehicles sold in Canada!

This is not a new problem to me. When my daughter was two years old in 1972 I found out that lap belts can paralyze a child in accidents at 30 mph . . . I ordered a harness from Mothercare in England and had my car dealer anchor it to the frame of my car. This harness went over both shoulders and the lap.

I call upon the Government to force car manufacturers to install three-point rear seat-belts in all passenger cars built and sold in Canada.

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### HISTORIC EVENTS

#### SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

**Mr. Gerald Comeau (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, 70 years ago today an army of Canadians achieved the impossible. They dislodged the enemy occupying Vimy Ridge.

The French Army had lost 150,000 men trying to do this, and the British Army fared no better. Through sheer bravery and determination our soldiers achieved what most people thought was hopeless.

During the course of the attack the highest point of the Ridge standing 470 feet above the plain could not be taken. The brave troops of Quebec, Ontario, and B.C. were beaten to a standstill by the enemy perched atop this vantage point.

At dusk the men of the Nova Scotia Highlanders were ordered to advance. The Nova Scotians attacked with a frenzy, driving the enemy off the ridge and carried on down the other side, advancing farther than any other regiment in that battle.

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Those who took part in this action included men from my riding like Sydney Goodwin of Lower Argyle; Clifford Doucette of Weymouth who, alone and with only a rifle, dispatched the entire crew of an enemy machine-gun; Charles Hersey of Freeport, or Lewis Gates of Middleton who single-handedly operated his machine-gun for 48 hours against the enemy. Some of these men did not survive the battle, but in making these sacrifices Nova Scotians succeeded where so many others had died in their attempts.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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#### SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill):** Mr. Speaker, today is the seventieth anniversary of the Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge. I was particularly moved by the passage from Pierre Berton’s book quoted in *The Globe and Mail* today which described how the sound of artillery smothered the skirl of the pipes. As a piper myself, and as a grandson of a piper who was there at Vimy Ridge after having been gassed and temporarily blinded at Ypres and wounded at the Somme, I have always taken a special interest and a special pride in the story of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in World War I, as all Canadians should, Mr. Speaker.

The spirit of togetherness which animated Canadians on that day and which contributed to their victory is something that should be remembered, cherished, lived and enhanced in our day. Whenever we are tempted by regional grievances, however justified they may be, we should not forget that on that morning, for those Canadians who have a place of honour