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NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Mike Scott (Skeena, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the NDP has always painted itself as the defender of the little guy, the downtrodden and the poor. It is time for a reality check.

Recent news stories in British Columbia reveal that British Columbia's New Democratic Party and a related fundraising group used a web of deceitful accounting and shady payoffs to rip off charities for years. NDP headquarters has been raided on the execution of search warrants alleging theft and fraud of more than one million dollars.

This scandal has serious implications for this House. Several former members are implicated in the diversion of charity funds. The question is how much money flowed from NCHS to finance federal NDP campaigns?

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In a 1987 letter former NDP MP Dave Stupich claims that the Nanaimo Commonwealth Holding Society contributed substantially to the New Democratic Party at the local, provincial and federal levels.

On behalf of the charities involved and all members of the House, I demand that the investigators broaden their scope past the B.C. border to include contributions made to federal—

The Speaker: The hon. member for Regina—Qu'Appelle.

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NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina—Qu'Appelle, NDP): Mr. Speaker, Helen Betty Osborne, a 19-year-old Métis girl, was brutally murdered in 1971 in The Pas, Manitoba. Sixteen years later Dwayne Archie Johnston was the only person convicted for the crime and sentenced to a life sentence with no eligibility of parole for ten years. An aboriginal justice inquiry also determined that the murder was clearly motivated by racism.

Today, only seven years after his conviction, Mr. Johnston is out on day parole and can enjoy his weekends outside the prison. Newspaper reports state that there are a number of serious factual errors in the parole board's file on Mr. Johnston and that he "narrated his version of events in an emotionally flat, bland manner, as if rehearsed".

I strongly urge the parole board to seriously re-examine its decision to allow Mr. Johnston day parole.

[Translation]

REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN

Mr. Jean Landry (Lotbinière, BQ): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Foreign Affairs belittled Quebecers on the weekend by intimating that Quebec would be too small to penetrate world markets. Quebecers will simply not stand for such belittlement and will continue to maintain a steady course for sovereignty, despite the waves created and the flotsam strewn in their way by the advocates of the status quo.

In response to the minister, who claimed that voting yes was like trading an ocean liner for a rowboat, we offer the remarks of the Mayor of Granby, who said: "And I say this to you: the *Titanic* is listing dangerously. The time has come for us to get off the luxury liner in a calm and orderly fashion and board the Quebec flagship".

And this is exactly what Quebecers will do on October 30.

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FRANCOPHONES OUTSIDE QUEBEC

Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, there are others besides the Bloc member for Rimouski—Témiscouata lacking respect for francophones outside Quebec. Her separatist colleague, the PQ regional delegate for the Outaouais region, stated on October 20, with regard to francophones outside Quebec, that they are much more colonized than francophones in Quebec, so they are twice as afraid, that francophones outside Quebec are twice as frightened and doubly moved by the fear sown by the camp of the desperate.

Quebec separatists have become so arrogant toward those different from them that they think they can do anything they like. Quebecers are aware of Canada's virtues of tolerance and generosity. On October 30, they will vote no to the arrogance of the separatists.

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Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, in a week it will be October 30, and Quebecers will have to vote in the referendum on Quebec's separation.

Before they vote, they should ask the following questions. Do you want Quebec to separate? Do you want Quebec to stop being part of Canada? Should Quebec become a foreign country? Do you no longer want to be represented in Canada's Parliament, that is, no longer elect members in a federal election? Do you want to give up all that you, your parents and your grandparents have built in this country?