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language channels from their basic service, paints an even darker picture of Canadian federalism.

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[English]

WORLD CUP SKIING

Mr. Myron Thompson (Wild Rose, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, this past weekend the 1994 Women's World Cup alpine races were held in Lake Louise, Alberta, the heart of Wild Rose country. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the organizers of this prestigious event. With their tireless efforts Lake Louise has proven to be first class on the world skiing stage once again.

There are four individuals who must receive special recognition: John Cassels, race chairman; Bruce Hamstead, chief of race; Bill Webster, president of Alpine Canada; Brien Perry, president of Alberta Alpine.

On behalf of the constituents of Wild Rose we are all proud of the contribution they have made to the sport of skiing in Canada.

Well done, Lake Louise.

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CANADIAN CHILDREN

Mrs. Brenda Chamberlain (Guelph—Wellington, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, Christmas is a time for hope and renewal. As we prepare to leave the House of Commons in order to return to our families and friends in our ridings we should be mindful of the children of Canada, symbols of hope for our future.

Children are the ones most impressed with what Christmas is all about and unfortunately they are sometimes the most disappointed and discouraged because of circumstances beyond their control. Poverty, hunger, illiteracy, domestic problems and other challenges often get in the way of what should be a season of joy and happiness.

As we leave here this week, let us rededicate ourselves to our children, always treating them with care and giving encouragement. Our children are our future and we can make a better life for them by remembering every day that they hold in their hearts the special meaning of Christmas.

To my colleagues and to you, Mr. Speaker, Merry Christmas.

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PEACEKEEPERS

Mr. John Bryden (Hamilton—Wentworth, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I would like to read from a soldier's letter I received not long ago:

I am in the Canadian Armed Forces and have been for 10 and a half years. I have been to Cyprus, Somalia and at this very moment am in Yugoslavia. I am sure you

get hundreds of letters per day from people expressing their views on every type of situation going. My letter is just a get to know you letter.

I read in your 1994 fall report that a Yugoslavia family received a Canadian flag as part of their welcome to Canada. The only Canadian flag I've seen is on our sleeves. Could you please send me a Canadian flag for over here and also a calendar to mark off the days left on my tour.

Waiting to hear from you. Yours sincerely—

I immediately sent this young soldier every Canadian flag I could lay my hands on plus 100 pins.

As we approach Christmas, let us remember it is not enough just to talk about how much we value those who help and serve us, we must also show it by our deeds.

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RAOUL WALLENBERG

Mr. David Berger (Saint-Henri—Westmount, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, January 17, 1995 will be the 50th anniversary of the arrest of Raoul Wallenberg by the Soviet army.

In 1944 Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat and businessman, persuaded his government to send him to Budapest where he rescued thousands of Jews by sheltering them in protected homes, flying the flags of Sweden and other neutral countries.

After his arrest Wallenberg disappeared in the Soviet prison system. Over the years various human rights groups have acted on his behalf and tried to get from the KGB information about his whereabouts.

No one knows definitively whether he is alive or dead. The Government of Canada should persist in its efforts to obtain from the Russians the real truth about what happened to Raoul Wallenberg and a public acknowledgement of his contribution to humanity.

As Elie Wiesel has written, Wallenberg will forever testify for man's need to remain human and his ability to succeed.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Mr. Stéphane Bergeron (Verchères, BQ): Mr. Speaker, for over a year, subject to a great deal of blackmailing and arm-twisting, this government and its international trade minister have completely given in to the United States in every trade dispute opposing Canada to that country. For instance, the government reneged on its solemn promise and accepted to limit the exportation of Canadian wheat to the U.S.

In the case of uranium, the government let the Americans cook up an agreement with Russia which is discriminatory for Canadian producers. As for sugar, it knowingly sold out our producers who are now excluded from the American market. And now, the government is once again giving in to American pressure by accepting to make the payment of \$800 million owed to Canadian lumber producers conditional to the signing of an agreement between the two countries.