

The agenda of the Soviet plenum which opened yesterday is clear, and I quote: "It is devoted to Party work concerning the radical economic management restructuration".

Mr. Speaker, in the context of Great Britain and the USSR, the socialists on the other side are totally refuted and abandoned. Before nationalizing, regulating and distributing unearned wealth, their leader ought to phone Michael Gorbachev, a gesture which would modernize these dissidents!

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### LABOUR RELATIONS

#### CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—ATTEMPT TO REDUCE NUMBER OF BARGAINING UNITS

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, it seems that the Government is not only riding roughshod over the rights of the letter carriers in the present postal strike, it is out to break unions wherever it possibly can.

A great example of this is taking place at the Cape Breton Development Corporation in Cape Breton, where until recently there were 12 bargaining units representing 7 different unions. The corporation wanted to eliminate some of these bargaining units. While that may be admirable as far as it goes, it does not require a corporation to tell people to give up their bargaining unit.

Three of the unions, the International Association of Machinists, the nurses' union, and the United Transportation Union, want to maintain their own identity.

The Cape Breton Development Corporation is saying that there are too many illegal stoppages. The International Association of Machinists have only lost 12 days through illegal strikes and have only had one legal strike in 47 years. In 10 years the nurses' union has only had one grievance, which it won.

The workers of this country should be able to maintain their bargaining units. It is a right that the Government should respect.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### NORTHERN TRAINING CENTRE—SUGGESTED LOCATION IN INUVIK

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, the White Paper on National Defence, with its re-emphasis on

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Canadian territorial, particularly northern, defence, has been extremely well received in the North, the defence needs of which had been neglected for so long by previous Governments.

The establishment of a northern training centre is an excellent idea which ought to be put into effect as soon as possible.

A location will be needed with an existing infrastructure, variety of terrain, and one which is suitable for land, sea and air operations. Might I invite the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Beatty) to consider Inuvik which combines all these attributes together with a long and friendly association with the military, as probably being the best site in the Arctic for the new training facility.

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### SPORTS

#### CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE—END OF MONTREAL ALOUETTES' FRANCHISE

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, I want to join with sports fans across Canada in expressing my concern about the future of the Canadian Football League.

I want to say at the outset that I believe strongly that Canadian football can survive and prosper. However, in order to do that it will take a concerted effort from all those involved, the owners and management of all teams, the players, the fans and the communities involved, and all levels of government.

The collapse of the Montreal Alouettes a couple of days ago, while coming as a shock to all of us, was really not a complete surprise. Dark clouds had been building over the CFL and this franchise for a number of years.

Nevertheless, it was still a tragic day for professional sport in Canada. The CFL, and the Alouettes in particular, are a Canadian institution which has brought a great deal of pleasure and no small sense of pride to Canadians for many years.

As our cultural and sport industries come under increasing domination from south of the border, the CFL, and Canada's unique brand of football, become increasingly important as a source of national unity, and national and regional pride.

The CFL can survive but it will take all of us to make it do so. Let us pull together and ensure a healthy future for Canadian football.