

to justice, whatever their racial origin. However, Mr. Speaker, we must ensure that while we are seeking out those who have perpetrated crimes against humanity we do not allow such action to reflect poorly on entire ethnic groups. Canada is a society rich in the wealth of ethnic diversity and has benefited enormously from the contribution of our citizens who have emigrated to Canada and raised their families here.

One such ethnic group with which I am familiar is the Ukrainian Canadian community of some 600,000 people, 90 per cent of whom are Canadian born. Many of these Ukrainian Canadians, indeed, fought in the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War against the Nazis. Some of them fought in their country to liberate it from Russian and Nazi oppression.

Should individuals of a particular ethnic group be accused of atrocities, it is imperative that the group as a whole not be treated in a manner which ignores its vital involvement in and contribution to Canada.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FREEDOM ASPIRATIONS OF BALTIC STATES

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, we Canadians need to be reminded that on February 16, 1918, Lithuania was restored to independence and flourished as a free democratic state for 20 years, along with its neighbours Latvia and Estonia.

In June, 1940, all three were subjugated once again when the Soviet Union signed the Ribbentrop-Molotov Non-Aggression Pact, and marched in and annexed them.

We take for granted the freedoms that the Lithuanian people are denied, but they are still continuing the struggle for liberation. The refusal of Canada to recognize *de jure* the incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union, and the welcome of the consuls of the Governments in exile of the Baltic states, constitute important acts which help to keep alive the hopes and aspirations of these valiant peoples, many of whose citizens are now our fellow Canadians.

I would ask that Members of the House associate themselves with these sentiments on this sixty-seventh anniversary, so that these courageous peoples know that we have not forgotten them.

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AIR CANADA

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE ROUTES—SERVING OF CANADIAN WINES

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian flag is now flying proudly into eight countries of the Pacific

Oral Questions

Rim. Air Canada is now circling the globe in three-week, 30,000 mile tours of the southern hemisphere.

This event signifies much more than a first for the airline. It is a major step in opening up the world to Canadian trade and commerce. Canadian products will become known to people of Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, and Rio de Janeiro. There will be new demands for Canadian goods. Trade barriers will be lifted and new markets will be open to us.

It would be fitting for the flight attendants on these flights to serve a popular Canadian product. I refer, of course, to our fine quality Canadian wines. This will be a great introduction to our "buy-Canadian" promotion. Passengers who are given the opportunity to try these Canadian products will soon adopt our favourite slogan, "Hooray! It's Canadian!"

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PREMIER'S TRIAL—REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister. I have further questions with respect to the Hatfield case. We have on the one hand Premier Hatfield continuing to make charges against certain members of the RCMP, that they leaked information and that they made an extraordinary effort to build a case against him. On the other hand, we have growing information that Premier Hatfield might have been helped in his defence. We have the secret meeting, and even yesterday he admitted that he was tipped off with respect to certain Crown evidence.

In order to ensure the integrity of the criminal justice system, and considering everything I have said just now to the Deputy Prime Minister, will he now agree that, in order to ensure that integrity, we should have a full, public, independent inquiry into this case?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, that question was responded to by the Minister of Justice as well as by the Solicitor General on more than one occasion this week. As the Hon. Member knows, there is an internal review now being conducted with respect to this matter. If he or any other Member of Parliament, or indeed any other citizen, has any evidence which would warrant consideration with respect to that internal review, and whatever decision may be made as a result thereof, I would urge them to bring it forward.