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members will recall that some time ago, the CRTC postponed until February its decision on a 24-hour news channel in French, while the English news channel is broadcasting, even in Quebec.

Why are Francophones obliged to pay cable tv companies for a service they cannot receive in their own language? Are there two classes of Canadians? Does the minister intend to clean up the mess at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the CRTC?

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NATIONAL DRUG AWARENESS WEEK

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, drug prevention agencies have designated the week of November 18 to November 24 as National Drug Awareness Week. Its purpose is to focus attention on the need to deal with the devastating problem of addiction to dangerous substances. Drug Awareness Week and the themes it uses generally focus on alcohol as the drug most often abused in this country.

Using the theme "Keep the circle strong", and with the co-operation of Amerindian and Inuit leaders and band chiefs from across Canada, about 750 native communities and groups will take part in various activities co-ordinated this year by the Nechi Institute of Alcohol and Drug Education in Edmonton.

Canada's anti-drug strategy is based on the premise that all Canadians have a role to play in the struggle to reduce and prevent the disastrous impact of alcohol and other drugs.

The Minister of National Health and Welfare wishes to congratulate native and non-native communities on their enthusiastic support for this event.

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MARITAL VIOLENCE

Mrs. Pierrette Venne (Saint-Hubert): Recently, Mr. Speaker, Quebec's Fédération des ressources d'hébergement, supported by the Chambre des notaires du Québec, launched a \$240,000 publicity campaign to make the people of Quebec aware of the marital violence problem. The theme of the campaign is "Violence

breeds violence, let's act now!", and the whole exercise is aimed at today's children who might turn out to be tomorrow's aggressors.

Mr. Speaker, this publicity campaign is designed to encourage friends and neighbours to intervene in cases of marital violence so that the woman will no longer suffer alone, and it would have been an uncertain undertaking had Quebec notaries not pledged their financial support.

As a member of that profession I want to commend the Chambre des notaires and the Fédération for this joint initiative. I hope that other interest groups will take similar action to help eradicate this scourge from our society.

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NORTH AMERICAN DAY OF ACTION AGAINST RACISM

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair): Mr. Speaker, sadly, today is the North American Day of Action against Racism, which is sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Students and Young New Democrats in collaboration with some United States student organizations.

I say this is sad because this day should not be necessary. But it is because racism continues.

At the University of Western Ontario, Philippe Rush-ton teaches his students that human beings are unequal; skinheads and Nazis have held rallies in Ontario and Quebec; a black student was beaten by white students at a Nova Scotia community college.

New right policies have not helped. They have stoked the fires of insecurity from which racism flares. When people are set at each other's throats by dog-eat-dog economics, the blame is too often directed not at the truly culpable who seem oblivious to their cries, but at convenient scapegoats who are equally their victims.

Take action today against the new right policies that, by dividing Canadians, exacerbate intolerance. Defeat the present government when the non-confidence vote is held this afternoon. Put Canada back on the path to social democracy.