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of reducing Ontario Hydro's acid-gas emissions by the use of low-sulphur western coal?

If we cannot force the United States to take action, we can at least put our own house in order. A report released last August indicated that acid-gas emissions in Ontario could be cut in half if Ontario Hydro used low-sulphur western coal. The same report went on to say that this would create some 13,000 new jobs in western Canada over the next 15 years. If Premier Peterson is truly concerned about reducing acid rain and if he is serious when he talks about reducing regional differences in Canada, he will have to put his money where his mouth is.

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TRADE

CANADA-SOUTH AFRICA—CALL FOR COMPLETE SEVERANCE

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I was thrilled as were all other Canadians on hearing some of the statements made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) this weekend with respect to cutting off trade relations with South Africa. I hope he does follow the recommendations of the all-Party committee. When I took an opportunity to examine the facts a little more deeply, however, I saw a Prime Minister who seemed to be talking out of both sides of his mouth.

The fact is that for 1986 trade from Canada to South Africa and Namibia has increased by over 63 per cent. At the same time as the Prime Minister and his colleagues have been talking tough about and to South Africa, companies and Crown corporations in Canada have been increasing trade to South Africa by over 60 per cent. It is shameful and unacceptable. I urge the Prime Minister not only to speak out of only one side of his mouth but also to ensure that the complete cutoff of trade includes comprehensive sanctions involving Crown corporations, government agencies, and the private sector.

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EXTERNAL AID

GUATEMALA—SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN AID

Mr. John Ostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, on February 9 the European Economic Community Foreign Ministers will be meeting in Guatemala to discuss and find solutions to social and economic problems in the region. Guatemala is now ending its second year under a democratic Government. As the largest country in both area and population in Central America, it has the potential to become a stabilizing force there.

A Joint Committee of Parliament on External Relations describes Guatemala as a country that is good for co-operative

programs with Canada. Amnesty International, the Contadora Group, and the United Nations have all perceived the improvements in the human rights situation in Guatemala.

When the Presidents of all Central American Governments recently met, Guatemala sponsored the idea of a Central American Government, and the concepts of peace and neutralism were discussed. Canada must restore assistance to Guatemala in order to promote national reconciliation and the participation of citizens in the political process.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

DENIAL OF SECOND-CLASS MAILING PRIVILEGES TO CANADIAN PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, over the weekend I had the opportunity to discuss with representatives of the B.C. Cattlemen's Association problems they have been having with their publication entitled *Beef in British Columbia*. During those conversations I was reminded of the fact that they have applied and re-applied for second-class mailing status for their publication which is concerned exclusively with cattle ranching in British Columbia. They reminded me that other organizations such as *The United Church Observer* have been making similar applications, yet soft-porn girlie magazines from the United States like *Penthouse*, *Hustler*, *Gallery*, *Playboy* and others get this preferred status and mailing rate.

I call upon the Minister responsible for the Post Office to intervene immediately to ensure that not only do these publications get better rates than *Playboy* and *Hustler* but that some preference be given to Canadian publications, and particularly Canadian church publications and those like *Beef in British Columbia*.

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BANKS AND BANKING

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL BANK FAILURE—TREATMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Miss Aileen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, the failure and subsequent liquidation of the Canadian Commercial Bank has been very costly and damaging, particularly for the bank's former employees. I am of course speaking of junior and middle-rank employees, not the high-flying top management, some of whom are now involved in unconventional operations in the Caribbean.

The CCB staff to whom I refer received less than one-quarter of the more than \$2 million in their pension plan. While this may have satisfied the letter of the law it seems