

Farm bankruptcies in Quebec have gone down 50 per cent since 1984.

And 33.2 per cent of small businesses in Quebec had additional capital investment projects in the first six months of 1986.

These positive results flow from our economic renewal policy.

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THE ECONOMY

MONTREAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval): Mr. Speaker, the 1986 Montreal Economic Summit came to a close yesterday. During this Summit, business participants expressed their views and reached a consensus on many issues.

The representatives of those involved proposed resolutions which were adopted unanimously on matters such as the establishment of business zones, recognition by the Federal Government of Montreal as the Canadian centre of the aerospace industry; the creation of a high technology education centre; and the use of incubators, to name but a few.

Mr. Speaker, if we recall the interventions of the federal Conservative Ministers, we find that they have also made commitments on these same matters. It follows that the Conservative Government is aware of the concerns of the people of Montreal, that it knows the aspirations of the business participants and that it takes action to help them.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT-ELECT—CALL FOR INVESTIGATION OF WARTIME ACTIVITY ALLEGATIONS

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, immediately after the election of Mr. Kurt Waldheim as President of Austria I made a statement in the House calling upon the Canadian Government to direct its United Nations Ambassador to press for a thorough, independent, international investigation of the serious wartime allegations which have been made about Mr. Waldheim.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) expressed support in the House for the thrust of my statement. In view of the report released yesterday in Montreal by civil rights lawyer, Professor Irwin Cotler, calling for an international tribunal to investigate the accusations about Mr. Waldheim, there is further cause to convene such an inquiry. Even Mr. Waldheim and the world-respected Simon Wiesenthal have stated that it would be welcome.

Oral Questions

In the interim, in order to ensure that we have all the facts, the Canadian Government should immediately join those other nations of the world which have already sought access to the Waldheim files of the UN War Crimes Commission. To do anything less would be a betrayal of what the victims of World War II died for, and for what this country and its soldiers bravely fought. Justice must be done.

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[Translation]

TRADE

POSITION OF LIBERAL PARTY

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, "yesterday evening, before the Ottawa Carleton Board of Trade, the Liberal Leader remained silent about the position of his party on the development of trade between Canada and the United States." This is what Manon Cornellier said this morning in the newspaper *La Presse*.

Mr. Speaker, the Liberal Party must really be weakened if it is unable to take a position on negotiations with our major trading partner. We export for \$95 billion a year to the United States, which accounts for 80 per cent of all our exports.

Mr. Speaker, when the Liberal Leader can only talk gibberish about the negotiations, it shows incompetence. When his associates go around in circles, it shows gross complacency. When the Liberals put their thirst for power before the development of trade, it is a betrayal. In this area as in all others, the Liberals are disciples of Janus.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—U.S. TARIFF ON CANADIAN CEDAR SHAKES AND SHINGLES

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, we have the opportunity of asking a question of the Prime Minister. During this week, in general discussion about trade with the United States, the Government appears to have forgotten the particular plight of the shakes and shingles workers in British Columbia. I ask the Prime Minister, did he or his Minister instruct our chief negotiator, Mr. Reisman, to raise the issue, at the beginning of the talks in Washington this week, concerning the 35 per cent tariff which has put 4,000 men and women out of work in British Columbia? And did he raise the issue directly with the Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Bush, when he was in Ottawa?