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We must also encourage the participants in the Yalta Agreement to recognize and repudiate that agreement and then, can the 40 years of injustice cease? At that time we might begin to see the beginning of a new era, an era of true peace in the world, without tension, where nations are truly free.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**ACID RAIN—APPOINTMENT OF FORMER ONTARIO PREMIER AS CANADIAN ENVOY**

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, the appointment last month of the Hon. William Davis as special envoy for acid rain abatement is welcome news for the people of Canada. I believe the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) has demonstrated environmental concern and wisdom by naming the former Premier of Ontario to this important position. Mr. Davis has the high profile and sterling reputation needed to confer with officials in the United States.

As the Chairman of the new Subcommittee on Acid Rain, I hope Mr. Davis will meet with us in Ottawa in the near future to create a unified front. Acid rain negotiations with the United States require a great deal of diplomacy and tact, and our country now has the ideal vehicle for that purpose.

The appointment of Bill Davis as envoy is further proof that the Government is waging war against acid precipitation. In fact this Government has done more for our environment in the past two months than others accomplished in their entire terms. Never in the history of Canada has so much been done to achieve acid rain abatement. We welcome Bill Davis as an integral part of our contemporary program to save the environment.

The priorities before the Government are clear cut. The future will not control us; we will control the future.

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THE ADMINISTRATION**GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS—TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, the Government has been appointing a Tory every three hours since it came to power on September 4. The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) keeps telling Canadians that he is proud of his appointments.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Boudria: I can see that Conservative Members of the House seem to be equally as proud. If the Prime Minister is so proud, why does he always wait to make his deluge of appointments on the last hour, late on Friday afternoon, when there is no one left in Parliament Buildings except the person who is issuing the press releases?

Can we expect the Prime Minister to announce another deluge of appointments tomorrow afternoon, that the Easter Bunny will lay yet another golden egg, and that Tory faithful who have been patiently waiting in line to get to the trough will be able to "oink" with joy after getting their promised appointments?

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COMMUNICATIONS**BROADCASTING POLICY REVIEW**

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, before returning to our ridings some of us will have the opportunity to attend the ACTRA Awards tonight, the only cultural awards in the world named after the creative people themselves, through their union, ACTRA.

Yet, with the Government's cut-back approach to cultural expenditure, especially for the CBC, we must wonder how many excellent programs will be produced next year.

The Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse) will be announcing his broadcasting policy review next week when the House is not sitting.

As arts and culture critic for the NDP caucus, I share the concern of the arts community, and indeed of a considerable cross-section of the Canadian public, that this review be genuinely open to public participation; include men and women of vision and knowledgeable of broadcasting, from all political Parties and regions, in both official languages; and invite the participation of the creative community, individually and through their unions and professional associations. This review should consider ways to stimulate and require more quality Canadian programming in the private networks and stations, address the real funding needs of the CBC, especially for long term planning, and consider the desirability of moving to commercial-free public broadcasting.

Excellence in broadcasting requires excellence in funding; our artists have had too excellent an acquaintance with poverty for too long. The Government must realize that the arts community will be judging the Government's performance, its excellence or otherwise, in May when it brings down its first Budget.

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TERRORISM**ARMENIAN COMMUNITY'S CONDEMNATION OF TORONTO BOMBING THREAT**

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak out in support of the Armenian community of Canada. They are 50,000 strong, and are making a real contribution to the growth of our country.