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nity went ahead with its plan to lower its quota for duty-free newsprint imports from Canada.

The negotiated GATT duty-free quota is 1.5 million tonnes. The proposed new quota could reduce it to as low as 400,000 tonnes. While Canada did not export to its full quota limit last year, this was exceptional and due mainly to the keen Swedish competition resulting from devaluation of the Swedish currency. However, in 1984, because of the EEC-Sweden free trade agreement, Sweden, Canada's main competitor, will be able to sell an unlimited quantity of newsprint duty-free to the Community. Several Canadian parliamentarians, and again I stress from all sides of the House—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member, but the time allotted has expired.

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WESTERN GRAIN STABILIZATION ACT

CALL FOR EARLY AMENDMENT

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Mr. Speaker, in the Throne Speech yesterday the Government said:

The maximum for advance payments for grain will be increased. Amendments will be introduced to the Western Grain Stabilization Act to make it more responsive to the needs of producers.

We on this side of the House, Mr. Speaker, have long advocated that just such a thing happen. We want to signal to the Government that, if it is really serious about doing something in this area, we are prepared to support it. In fact the previous Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) said back in June that when the House came back in September we could look forward to increases in cash advances. However, nothing has happened.

We would encourage the Government to do something instead of just giving us rhetoric about it. We urge the Government to do something. What that would do is signal to the industry that someone cares and someone is concerned, and it would signal that there is some hope for Canadians who want to be productive and want to continue to produce.

I would also say to the Government that, if it is really serious about many of the other things which were mentioned in the Throne Speech, and if it is prepared to proceed with legislation which is proper, we are prepared to support it on this side of the House.

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YOUTH

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—FUNDS ALLOTTED FOR JOB CREATION

Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, further to yesterday's Throne Speech, I am very pleased to see the

Government is going to put particular emphasis on job creation, especially under the Canada Works programs, and many Members on this side of the House and, in fact, all political parties have been talking about the job creation situation. I am very pleased to be able to inform my constituents that our representations were accepted by the Government and that we have been able to earmark additional funds for job creation. As the House is aware, private enterprise agreed to submit projects under the Canada Works Program. In fact, the private sector's response was very satisfactory. Any number of suitable projects were submitted, but we needed additional funding.

It is also important to point out that the emphasis has been put on job creation for youth, and thanks to the establishment of a new Ministry of State for Youth which will oversee job creation activities aimed at young people as well as various existing programs, I believe the government has diagnosed a major problem of our economy as it affects our young people, and it was high time something was done about it. This is one of our major concerns on this side of the House, Mr. Speaker, a concern that received an admirable response in the Throne Speech yesterday and I think Canadians are very pleased with the news concerning job creation and especially job creation among young people, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

HONDURAS—ADMISSION REFUSED TO WOMEN PILGRIMS

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, on Monday of this week 150 religious women, 140 American and 10 Canadian, attempted to visit Honduras on a pilgrimage of peace to mark the third anniversary of the murder of four American nuns in 1980 in El Salvador. On arriving in Tegucigalpa their aircraft was surrounded by soldiers and the women were not permitted to leave the aircraft. They were told to return home, even though they asked to see Canadian and American officials. On returning to the United States they attempted to find out why this happened. I demand to know if the Government of Canada has carefully documented this incident, and has it made representations to the Honduran Government on behalf of the Canadian people involved?

Canada has had a long history of missionary work in Honduras. There are many Canadian missionaries there, and I would be concerned about their welfare. I would also like to ask: What is this friendly country? Is it democratic and religious when it allows thousands of foreign troops to be there preparing for an invasion of Nicaragua? At the same time it will not permit 150 women of peace to go and pray for peace.

I ask the Government of Canada to investigate this incident thoroughly, and seriously consider whether or not we should