

with the Soviet Union for the benefit of agricultural production in that country. Mr. Gorbachev, who was in charge of food production, has a real knowledge of agriculture and its people not only in his own country but also in Canada.

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I think it significant that he has been something of a world traveller. I am impressed by the fact that he has a good knowledge of the English language, a facility which I think will make communication between the English-speaking world and the Soviet Union a little easier.

I believe there is real significance in the fact that the arms negotiations in Geneva are continuing. I express the hope, along with all Canadians, that they may lead to mutually satisfactory agreements.

### THE LATE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN ADAMS PRIME MINISTER OF BARBADOS

#### TRIBUTES

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** I should also like to tell honourable senators that yesterday the Right Honourable "Tom" Adams, Prime Minister of Barbados, unexpectedly and tragically passed away. As those who are interested in the Caribbean know, this gentleman has been a tower of strength in that part of the world. He has been giving leadership to the Commonwealth nations of the eastern Caribbean; he has been a force for good.

I am sure that you would like me to take this opportunity to express to the government and people of Barbados our sincere regret on this news of his unexpected death. I hope that his successor will be able to discharge his new responsibilities effectively for the welfare of the people of that island. We take note of the problem in a fellow Commonwealth nation and send them our warm good wishes.

**Hon. Hazen Argue:** Honourable senators, I wish to join with the Leader of the Government in expressing regret at the passing of Prime Minister Adams of Barbados. The Caribbean has been and is of importance to Canada. We recognize the late Prime Minister's sterling qualities of leadership.

On behalf of the opposition, I join with the Leader of the Government in his expression of sympathy and in his remarks about our good association with Barbados.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

### THE HONOURABLE JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN

#### TRIBUTES ON RESIGNATION FROM THE SENATE

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, coming a little closer to home, I should like to mention another gentleman at this time. I announce to honourable senators, if they do not already know, that the Honourable Senator Sullivan, has tendered his resignation to Her Excellency the Governor General.

On the news of the departure of our friend from this chamber, it would be appropriate to say a word of thanks and appreciation for his services to the people of Canada.

In quite recent years, Senator Sullivan has not been as active a member of this chamber as he would have liked to be. In submitting his resignation, he explains the disabilities which have prevented him from discharging his function as he would have liked and these are the reasons that prompted his resignation.

However, in days gone by, as others here will testify, he was an active and enthusiastic participant in the affairs of this chamber and had a good deal of common sense and good judgment to offer on the issues that were debated among us. I believe it appropriate that we should remember his good work as a member of this chamber in those times.

He is, indeed, a remarkable man because, when he was young, he was a member of the champion Canadian Olympic hockey team, in 1928. He was the goaltender of the Varsity hockey team which won great renown for our nation. I think it has been a matter of some pride to Senator Sullivan—and I understand entirely why this should be so—that he can point to that extraordinary achievement as a landmark in his young-er days.

He went from hockey to another world entirely—the world of medicine, as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Over many long years as a practitioner in that field he won not only glowing opinions, but a succession of honours. He can point to a succession of achievements which very few other people in that important branch of medical science can claim. I believe he would like us to remember his contribution to the health of this nation and the welfare of individual human beings that he, as a doctor, was able to bring about as a result of his knowledge and talent in the field of medicine. Honourable senators, that is only one of the accomplishments of Senator Sullivan to which I particularly want to refer.

He is also an ardent member of the Roman Catholic Church. He professes his faith and he does his best to discharge his obligations as a churchman. He has been recognized by the church in a number of important, distinctive particulars. He was created a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and a Knight Commander of St. Gregory with Distinction. His activities in that area have also brought much honour and credit to himself and much pleasure to his friends.

Senator Sullivan has retired because of his disabilities. For a man in his early eighties, he is a pretty active character, and I suspect that he will continue to make his presence felt for many years to come. I know that, in recognizing his service in this house and saying farewell to him as a member of the Senate, we can also offer him our warm good wishes for many happy years of productive activity in his chosen field.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

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**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, on behalf of the Opposition in the Senate, I want to endorse the remarks of my colleague Senator Roblin.