

in northwestern Ontario they will have to spend a whole afternoon to pick up their mail.

The Canada Post Act requires the Post Office to get an Order in Council before it closes a post office. This is to provide notice so there can be an appeal to the Minister. The Post Office and the Minister have both turned a blind eye to this legislation. When is the Government going to consult people? Or is it its plan to simply cut, cut, cut our postal services?

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TIMISKAMING—BENEFITS ACHIEVED THROUGH ERDA AGREEMENT

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, since our election in 1984 the Conservative Government has worked with the Province of Ontario to provide economic and regional development within the province. A number of ERDA agreements totalling \$226 million have been signed by the two levels of government. Part of this package is a \$30 million mining agreement signed in Kirkland Lake last June. It brought a long awaited access road in my riding of Timiskaming which has opened up the Harker-Holloway region for further development. This agreement has had a major impact on mining exploration in my riding.

Recently American Barrik Resources announced it has almost finished sinking a three-compartment exploration shaft in McDermott Township. This is the first significant gold discovery in our area in almost 50 years. The company is hoping to bring the project into production by 1988 and we are optimistic that it could result in a production level of 100,000 ounces of gold each year. That is working together—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

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PORNOGRAPHY

CALL FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. George Henderson (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, Canadians want the Government to put a stop to pornography. They are demanding tougher laws which will stop the flow of pornographic material into the country. Pornographic material is readily available to anyone who wants it, including our young impressionable teenagers. While parents try to teach their children about morals and values, another aspect of our society is introducing them to sexual violence, child abuse, or incest.

We must control access to this salacious material. It should not be available to youngsters. It should not be sold on our sidewalks. It is time for the Government to get tough and do something to curb this frightening billion dollar industry.

Oral Questions

Canadians are awaiting legislation from the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie). They do not want to be disappointed. They want strong and effective laws which will make this country a safer place for their children.

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VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN—TRIBUTE TO TORONTO VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, volunteerism is alive and flourishing with the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section. Its most worthy projects include "Kids on the Block", a program which sensitizes children to people with disabilities. "English as a Second Language" has 125 students registered. Passover food baskets helped 282 Jewish families on welfare or other forms of public assistance. The Bathurst-Prince Charles Building will be home to 160 families, seniors, and disabled people.

Last week six volunteers received commendations from Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander for over 4,000 hours of community services: Nita Goldband, President of NCJW; Lily Goldstein, Helen Goodman, Helen Katz, Edith Sobel, and Patricia Starr. There are 1,200 other active, dedicated volunteers. Congratulations to the National Council of Jewish Women!

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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TRADE

SOFTWOOD LUMBER EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES—PETITION SEEKING COUNTERVAIL DUTY

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. As he knows, tomorrow morning the Canadian Ambassador in Washington will be meeting in a last ditch effort to arrive at some resolution of the softwood lumber issue before the petition starts with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Baldrige. Will the Prime Minister tell us today what specific instructions Mr. Gotlieb has in terms of a message to give to the Americans? In particular, can he tell us whether last evening there was agreement with the provincial Premiers on a series of actions that the Canadian Government should be taking to forestall any U.S. action that would raise tariffs on our very vital softwood lumber industry?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, we have directed Ambassador Gotlieb to make formal representations tomorrow morning to the Secretary of Commerce explaining why we believe there is no