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The study, to be published by the magazine *L'Union médicale du Canada* in July, also says that the findings do not allow for the percentage of children who are unable to put into words what is the matter with them. In the light of these facts, the Government ought to reconsider its decision and order research on health problems related to UFFI to be resumed.

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[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

POLAND—HARASSMENT OF SOLIDARITY LEADERS

Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale-High Park): Mr. Speaker, since the banning of the Polish Trade Union Solidarity, human rights activists and Solidarity leaders have been subjected to repeated harassment. As cases in point, Wladyslaw Frasyuniuk, Bogdan Lis, and Adam Michnik have all been imprisoned or detained, with or without trial, for various periods since December, 1981.

On February 12, 1985, at a meeting with Lech Walesa in Gdansk, they were again arrested and charged with "making preparations for a strike . . . in protest against increases in food prices and extension of the work day".

The rights of freedom of expression, freedom of association, and due process of law are too often taken for granted. This glaring example of another violation of the Helsinki Accords and the international pledge made by Poland as a signatory must be noted. Signatories of the Helsinki Accords are responsible for upholding their commitment to their co-signatories and must be held accountable.

The Canadian Government would be justified in making the countries involved in violations of the Accords aware of our abhorrence of such actions.

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CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

ALLOCATION OF CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING UNITS TO SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, on April 29, 1985, officials of CMHC in Saskatoon indicated to the Co-operative Housing Association of Saskatchewan that Saskatchewan's housing allocation for 1985 would be 28 units. That amounts to a mere 35 per cent of the 1984 allocation of 80 units.

The Minister responsible for CMHC needs to explain to the people of his own province what he is intending to do and why he has seriously reduced the amount of social housing in Saskatchewan. The people of Saskatchewan would like to know why Saskatchewan is being forced to accept these large cut-backs in housing, which are much larger than they are in the rest of the country. Is it a part of the federal Government's approach to Saskatchewan residents, particularly senior citi-

zens, to deny affordable housing, and to make Saskatchewan a second-class province?

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF HON. ROGER STEELE, SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Mr. Speaker: May I advise Members of the presence in our gallery today of the Hon. Roger Steele, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GREEN PAPER ON FOREIGN POLICY

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Right Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs. In his discussion paper entitled *Competitiveness and Security: Directions for Canada's International Relations*, he cited on page 3 that one of the objectives is the protection of our natural environment. But there are absolutely no lines of enquiry contained in the document, no questions posed, and no options given. How can Canadians respond to the environmental question internationally, and particularly with respect to our relationship with the United States, with such a slim section on the environment in that discussion paper? Perhaps the printer misplaced the chapter.

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that the people of Canada cannot respond to that question, to SDI, to trade, or to any other questions if the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party prevent the Parliament of Canada from allowing a public hearing by the Parliament of Canada so that Canadians can be heard.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): What we have provided is an invitation to Canadians to take part, for the first time, in the discussion of Canadian foreign policy. The position of the opposition Parties denies Parliament the opportunity to be heard on foreign policy, and it denies the people of Canada the opportunity to take part in the discussion of foreign policy. It also denies the Government the benefits of the advice of individual Canadians on environmental, strategic, trade and