

Oral Questions

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, NDP): Mr. Speaker, I believe it is time that Canada began to take a lead role in the establishment of alternative sustainable institutions.

With the rapid globalization of capital, the people of the world need more than ever institutions committed to democratic governance, decentralized decision making, transparency, community involvement, full and open public participation and full public accountability. We need institutions committed to sustainable development which promote social and economic justice including global health and education, energy conservation, renewable energy, micro-enterprise, sustainable agriculture and forestry, mass transit and the reversal of economic degradation.

Canada is hosting the G-7 in Halifax in June. We can begin this important process by taking a lead role as the host nation in calling for and working toward a full and fundamental review of the policies and practices of the 50-year old Bretton Woods institutions, projects and programs.

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PRIVATE PHILLIP BADANAI

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me today to speak of a young man from Thunder Bay, Private Phillip Badanai.

Private Badanai was a member of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment and is now a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment. He was serving as a peacekeeper in Bosnia on December 31, 1994 when he was injured in action. I am pleased to report to the House that he has made a full recovery.

Private Badanai is the son of Sharon and the late Norris Badanai of Thunder Bay, but more important, he is the grandson of Hubert Badanai who served with distinction as the member for Fort William from 1958 to 1968.

I am sure his father and his grandfather would be very proud of Private Badanai as all Canadians are with respect to his role as a peacekeeper on behalf of all of us.

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[Translation]

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Mrs. Pierrette Ringuette—Maltais (Madawaska—Victoria, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, it was a great pleasure for me to attend the swearing-in of the 25th Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc.

• (1415)

His Excellency delivered an historic speech. As an Acadian, he was able to link our past to our present, and to set forth the principles which will guide all Canadians to a promising future. The new Governor General is a remarkable man to whom all Canadians will be able to relate, because of his simplicity, his humility and his great wisdom.

I wish the very best to His Excellency, the Right Hon. Roméo LeBlanc, and to Mrs. LeBlanc in their new roles. As a French-speaking person from New Brunswick and member for the riding of Madawaska—Victoria, I speak for my constituents when I say how proud we are of this great Canadian, this great Acadian, who has shown that, in Canada, it is possible to achieve great things without relinquishing one's identity.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Mr. Gilles Duceppe (Laurier—Sainte-Marie, BQ): Mr. Speaker, following allegations that the Reform Party had been infiltrated by a CSIS agent, the Prime Minister said repeatedly in the House that federal intelligence services had no mandate to spy on politicians, whoever they happened to be.

On December 16, Michel Robert, acting chairman of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, stated there was no file on the leader of the Reform Party. However, in a letter dated January 27, the executive director of the SIRC confirmed that since October 1989, there had been a file under the name "Preston Manning".

My question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. Why did the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister, in October 1994, say in the House that no intelligence service had a mandate to spy on politicians, when we now know that CSIS actually has a file on the leader of the Reform Party and has had one for five years?

[English]

Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, this matter was explained fully in a letter to the parliamentary subcommittee by the chair of the Security Intelligence Review Committee.

He said that the file in question did not relate to the leader of the Reform Party but rather to a low level investigation about possible financing by a foreign country of the election campaign in question.