

abused once again. News reports suggest that the sonic boom created by the Concorde jet is about to contribute to the noise and emission pollution adjacent to Pearson Airport on a weekly basis.

Residents of the area have already been complaining of the lack of citizen participation in the environmental assessment of the runway extension program. They should have their own representative on the Environmental Assessment panel to ensure that the concerns of area residents are addressed properly. They should also have the right to a full environmental impact study on the introduction of any new, large-scale aircraft into Pearson Airport. Specifically, there should be a full environmental impact study conducted on the proposed Concorde service before permission to use Pearson is granted by the Government of Canada.

We, on this side of the House, call on the government to initiate such a study now.

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POLISH CANADIAN CONGRESS

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): *Gan Dobre*, Mr. Speaker! I have the privilege of welcoming to Ottawa and especially to this place members of the many Polish Canadian organizations that make up the Polish Canadian Congress, the official body representing the interests of Polish Canadians here and abroad.

They are in Ottawa today for their annual general meeting at which they will discuss, among many other things, their future co-operation with the Canada-Poland Business Council which has recently been incorporated to facilitate Canadian and Polish economic co-operation. A good working relationship between the two working groups will speed up the economic recovery of eastern Europe.

While the recent changes to the political environment in Poland and the Eastern Bloc have astonished, even amazed the world, there is simply no time to waste, no time for us to stand back, watch and wait.

I encourage this government, all organizations, and all individuals who can contribute in any way to begin now. We must ensure that these economically fragile countries survive the sudden change from totalitarianism to

democracy and take their rightful place among first world nations.

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AGRICULTURE

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, the strike, which has closed the St. Lawrence Seaway, again reminds western Canadians where the NDP really stands.

The NDP does not hesitate to support the demands of big labour while prairie farmers are struggling to get by. The NDP members stand in this place pretending to support prairie agriculture while, at the very same time, they filibuster and delay much needed back to work legislation.

Some one million tonnes of grain bound for export is being held up thereby tarnishing Canada's reputation abroad and hurting our producers here at home. Where is the outcry of indignation from Saskatchewan NDP members? There is none and there will be none. Their silence exposes the hypocrisy of the NDP who pay lip-service to prairie farmers while dancing to the tune of their real masters, the big eastern labour bosses.

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TRAGEDY IN MONTREAL

Mr. David Berger (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Mr. Speaker, I was incredulous and astonished when I heard the news of the carnage at the École Polytechnique. I am deeply saddened by this senseless act.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to imagine that anyone would commit such a crime. It is hard not to lose one's faith in mankind. This outrage should make all Canadians stop and think about the kind of society we have today. We are too easily inclined to tolerate various forms of violence in our society.

The families of these young women need to know that we support them in their grief, because these families will now have to live with the loss of a daughter, a sister, a granddaughter, a niece or a friend.

We can only hope that the personal faith of the persons who have been affected by these events, the support of their friends and relatives and the solidarity shown by millions of Canadians will give them some comfort at this time of suffering, and in the months and years to come.