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**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## AID GIVEN TO WOMEN IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

**Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil—Papineau):** Mr. Speaker, as a woman and a Government Member, I am very proud today to lay special emphasis on the program prepared by the Minister for External Relations (Mrs. Vézina) and designed to allocate \$25 million to women in Third World countries.

For us Canadians, acknowledging the socio-economic role of women in Third World countries has to be an international first, because never before did a co-operating country make women direct beneficiaries of its programs.

Henceforth, Mr. Speaker, all women, including those of the Third World, will be acting as consultants and planners with respect to agency management and planning systems, training programs and scholarships, staff training and data collecting in non-governmental or multilateral organizations.

Mr. Speaker, our Government has just honoured another one of its election commitments by ensuring that women will indeed have equal opportunities.

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[English]

**CHALLENGE '86**

## FUNDING OF SUMMER JOB PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, the Government claims it is creating meaningful, career-related summer jobs by targeting funds to the private sector rather than to not-for-profit organizations. However, the Government's own evaluation of last summer's SEED Program showed that only a quarter of the jobs created in the private sector were administrative or professional jobs as compared to three-quarters in the not-for-profit sector.

Under the previous Government, students received valuable experience and acquired organizational and managerial skills by administering and delivering programs of value to the community neighbourhood improvement projects, community outreach, children's programs and so on.

Given the resources, the not-for-profit sector can offer relevant, career-related summer jobs, while at the same time providing necessary community services. While the business sector can and should have a role in summer job creation, it should not be at the expense of community organizations and the services they provide.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

## LAYING OF SECOND FIBRE OPTIC CABLE BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, the news that an international telecommunications consortium, of which Teleglobe Canada is a prominent member, plans to lay a second submarine fibre optic cable linking Canada and the U.S.A. to Britain, Spain, and France augurs well for the future of this nation. Canada excels in telecommunications technology, and it is only right that we participate fully in these latest developments.

The Tat-9 cable ought to be in operation in 1991. Unlike the earlier Tat-8 system, it will have a Canadian landfall. The new trans-Atlantic cable will be fully compatible with the worldwide telecommunications standard termed the Integrated Digital Services Network.

Canada is truly becoming "plugged in" to the new world of communications.

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**NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS**

## SALT II TREATY—POSITION OF UNITED STATES

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Alleluia, Mr. Speaker! President Reagan has seen the light. The President sang a new tune on arms control at yesterday's press conference, in sharp contrast to his May 27 abandonment of SALT II. The President recognized new Soviet proposals for arms reduction and held out hope that an agreement might be possible with General Secretary Gorbachev.

Why this sudden change of heart? It might have something to do with the blast of hot air that greeted the Americans at Halifax. NATO Ministers gave the message loud and clear: they want both superpowers to remain committed to SALT II. This was a refreshing change, and one that brought positive results. The U.S. is interested again in arms control, and the Soviets have made new proposals at Geneva.

Those who dither about "alliance solidarity" should take note. There is no reason to support an unwise policy just because the Americans announce it. A good ally gives sound advice, even if it means disagreement with a superpower.

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**HEALTH**

## SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS WEEK

**Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre):** Mr. Speaker, June 8 to 15 is Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Week in