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[English]

Major problems remain in addition to those caused by the cut-backs, Mr. Speaker. There are problems of distribution and access to cultural products and to performances. There are particular problems with regard to films, books, magazines, and theatrical performances. Distribution systems must be improved. Governments now subsidize the production of many products and performances that do not get to be seen by many Canadians. These subsidies would not have to be as important numerically if there were more purchases. In short, Governments ought to be purchasing books and magazines for schools, libraries, and other institutions. Such a measure would require federal and provincial co-operation.

We will be having a meeting of federal and provincial Ministers of Culture. I hope that the Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse) will bring forward imaginative proposals to improve access to cultural products and performances in Canada, and will discuss these things with his provincial counterparts. More money is needed in this area, but certainly it is important—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise the Member that her time has expired.

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[Translation]

THE ADMINISTRATION

IMPROVEMENT IN CANADA-QUEBEC RELATIONS

Mrs. Anne Blouin (Montmorency-Orléans): Mr. Speaker, my constituents of Montmorency-Orléans and their fellow Quebecers are delighted to see the climate of confidence that now reigns in negotiations between the Canadian Government and the Government of Quebec. This is very much to the liking of many Quebecers, at a time when a federal-provincial conference is being held in Regina.

The Canada-Quebec agreements signed to date are impressive both in number and in scope. On December 14 last year, the federal Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) and the Quebec Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs signed the new economic and regional development agreement. Under this agreement, the federal Government will be contributing \$1 billion over the next five years.

On January 22, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) announced the introduction of a program for technological innovation assistance in Quebec, also spread over five years. On February 1, the federal Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse) and the Quebec Minister of Communications concluded an agreement aiming at promoting the development of the communications industry in Quebec.

Finally, the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec will be spending \$100 million on the tourist industry within the next few years.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on in this vein, but I would prefer to emphasize the incredible improvement in Canada-Quebec relations since the present Government came to power and decided to promote the interests of Quebec.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

FUNDING OF UNITED NATIVE NATIONS ORGANIZATION

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, the United Native Nations represents non status Indians and some off-reserve Indians in British Columbia. Last year the Secretary of State cut their core funding in order to provide funding for the Louis Riel Métis Association of B.C. The Métis Association certainly required the funding, but it should not have been taken from the United Native Nations. This kind of government action makes it very difficult for different aboriginal peoples to achieve unity.

In a similar manner, United Native Nations applied for Indian Affairs funding to hold workshops on proposed changes to the Indian Act which would affect their membership. However, all available funding went to the B.C. Indian Homemakers Association. The homemakers needed this funding and are holding workshops throughout the province. But again we must ask why one legitimate organization was funded at the expense of another equally legitimate organization.

British Columbia Métis and non status people favour the one window concept for Canada employment programs. The single project officer cuts down on red tape and makes it easier for native people to gain access. But they feel that they are not adequately represented on district advisory boards and as a result do not get approval for a fair share of their projects.

I call on the Secretary of State (Mr. McLean), the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Crombie), and the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald), to look into these concerns and ensure that non status people are not subject to double discrimination.

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the Member that his time has expired.

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ETHNIC AFFAIRS

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN COMMUNITY

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary East): Mr. Speaker, on February 7, 1985, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Crosbie) announced the establishment of a commission of inquiry on war criminals to be conducted by Mr. Justice Jules Deschênes of the Superior Court of Quebec.

I commend the Government on its efforts to take all responsible steps to ensure any war criminals in Canada are brought