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conform to internationally-recognized legal norms. The matter is being raised at the current session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. However, the only remaining means of appeal in Malawi at the present time is to its Life-President, Dr. Banda. Therefore I urge Members to request that Dr. Banda exercise his presidential powers of clemency to spare the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Chirwa on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.

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[Translation]

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

ALLEGED GATHERING OF BUSINESS INFORMATION RELATING
TO LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I must say that I also heard the news this morning that the Prime Minister's Office allegedly turned its employees into secret agents to try and justify the slurs on the reputation of a man who has made it clear that he intends to direct all his energies towards pursuing the interests of his country. In the circumstances, I appeal to the sense of honour of all the Members of this House, to severely censure these absolutely odious attempts, stemming from attitudes that are entirely unacceptable to this Parliament, to examine someone's past for the purpose of preventing him from serving his country properly. In the circumstances, Mr. Speaker, I severely censure and I demand and urge the Prime Minister, as soon as he is back, to explain the reasons for an investigation into matters that are totally irrelevant as far as we are concerned.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NEW ERA IN PREDICTING WEATHER

Mr. Denis Ethier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, now that one of North America's most advanced computers has been put into service at the Canadian Meteorological Centre in Dorval, Canada is entering a new era of more reliable long-term weather forecasting. This computer will also play a major role in agriculture and the environment. It will produce seasonal forecasts and better assessments of climatic changes. It will facilitate national and international research on transboundary air pollution. The computer will also make it possible to develop better strategies against acid rain and for intervening faster and more effectively in the case of environmental emergencies.

Mr. Speaker, the Liberal Government does not hesitate to intervene in these high technology sectors, since providing meteorological information puts more than \$1 billion each year into the economy.

[English]

EMPLOYMENT

GRANT TO ALLIANCE COMMUNITY SERVICES, TORONTO—
RECONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I was in Edmonton last weekend. I talked to a lot of unemployed people, especially young people. These people need hope. They need job-creation programs. They are very important programs. That is why I raised in the House this week the grant of \$583,000 to the Community Alliance Group in Toronto.

Considering that there are existing agencies there already doing the job, considering that there is opposition from the Italian community, considering that even the Member of Parliament for York West (Mr. Fleming) is quoted in today's *Toronto Star* as saying there were outsiders involved in this grant and the social agency is raiding his own riding, and considering that it is becoming increasingly obvious that this grant was a result of political influence, I ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Roberts), as a political Minister and as a Minister of the Government, to rise above this and to reconsider the grant, to do what he said he would do when he met with the groups, that he would reallocate moneys, because to do otherwise is very unfair to the Italian community in Toronto, and very unfair to the unemployed in Canada.

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[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT

POSITION OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND OF PARTY
MEMBERS

Mr. Pierre Gimaïel (Lac-Saint-Jean): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Politics certainly make strange bedfellows, Mr. Speaker. I heard the Member for Joliette speak earlier in defense of the man he called "the golden calf" during his Party's leadership campaign more than a year ago. At the time he spoke with considerable eloquence about that gentleman's past. Mr. Speaker, I would now like to say a few words about the future of the Member for Central Nova (Mr. Mulroney).

The Hon. Member for Central Nova (Mr. Mulroney) would have Quebecers today believe that his Party has wiped out the blot made on its record by that same Party in the Riel affair. I would like to point out to the Hon. Member that there are still Members in his own Party who are against the Official Languages Act have said so in no uncertain terms. I am referring, for instance, to the Member for Simcoe-South (Mr. Stewart) and the Member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie), to name only two.

Mr. Speaker, I remember during the debate on the Constitution that I asked the Hon. Member's predecessor, the