

So our diplomats abroad are working in the OAS, in the Commonwealth, in la Francophonie, in the UN, at the CSCE and through NATO to build democracy and ensure that human rights become what the term says: rights that come from being human.

Those issues -- those fault lines -- are what foreign policy is about. But it is also about people, Canadians who are travelling, and people -- immigrants and refugees -- who seek to come here and contribute to our prosperity.

In 1988 alone, 203 immigration officers abroad issued visas to 152,889 immigrants. Those immigrants declared their intent to bring \$6 billion into this country. In 1989-90, business immigration brought in \$4.7 billion in investment, investment which is estimated will create 13,400 jobs. And our embassies abroad issued 625,000 visitor visas to Canada in 1989. Those visitors bring dollars to Canada for a tourism industry which is increasingly crucial to our economic success.

The Department of External Affairs operates the second largest, and perhaps most geographically diverse, program for refugees in the world. Our officers abroad, whose decisions may be a matter of life and death for the applicants, act daily to help the innocent victims of war or disturbance or starvation to come to this country.

And our consular officers abroad constantly take care of Canadians who confront difficulty while outside this country. Let's look at last week. It was a typical week for our consular service. Our embassies in Kuwait and Iraq were finalizing the evacuation of close to 600 Canadian citizens. In Lisbon, our embassy was helping 43 Canadian senior citizens, 30 of whom were in three different hospitals following a serious bus accident in the Portuguese countryside. In Rwanda, civil strife was spreading and our mission there assisted in the evacuation of about 150 Canadians from that country. In Venezuela, 16 Canadians were arrested in drug-related police actions. They are in prison and our embassy there is in contact with them. Finally, as a result of the problems with Worldways Airlines, 2,000 Canadians stranded abroad had to change their plans. Our embassies helped bring them home.

I started with the Gulf and I want to conclude with it. For there too, behind the headlines are the fault lines. There is the