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This has coloured the perception that white people have of black people, for example from the West Indies. It has, unfortunately, sometimes biased decisions about immigration of a family member such as a spouse or a child.

These things are easily forgotten by most white Canadians. They are not so easily forgotten by black Canadians. The latter, of course, is not limited to blacks. We had reference already to the racist lapel pins. One minister of the government expressed strong disapproval of them. However, he did not say, and since he did not come back for questioning I could not ask him, whether he had discussed this with his colleague, the Minister of Revenue Canada. I quote from the January 22 *Financial Post*.

Canada Customs has ruled a controversial lapel pin imported from Taiwan does not constitute hate propaganda and will be allowed to enter the country.

This government is condoning racism to that extent by allowing Taiwan, which we do not recognize as a government, to send racist lapel pins to Canada.

I quote from a letter from Mr. George Elliott Clarke of Ottawa to the minister:

Dear Mr. Minister:

Being a seventh generation Afro Nova Scotian, whose ancestors escaped the slavery and bigotry of the post-bellum American south, I am outraged that your officials have apparently decided to permit the importation from Taiwan of a racist lapel pin which depicts a Sikh, an oriental and an African, all of whom, dressed in stereotypical costume surround a man of European descent wearing a business suit, and above whom appears the slogan, "Who is the minority in Canada?". This pin, though cleared by your officials is derogatory, offensive and utterly destructive of the dream of multiracial, multicultural and cosmopolitan Canada.

I have a quote also from a letter addressed to the same minister. I quote:

Dear Mr. Jelinek:

As a Canadian of black heritage, I am appalled that you as a minister of the Crown would condone the importation of these racist lapel pins now being made in Taiwan and marketed in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It should come as no surprise to you or your colleagues if they are eventually marketed in all provinces across Canada.

She points out further:

The salient observation of the Donald Marshall report was that racism in the justice system played a major role in convicting this young Micmac Indian.

This is from Mrs. Anne John-Baptiste of Ottawa.

When immigrants come from the non-white countries, which for the most part the white countries still oppress economically, we have these prejudices against the immigrants who arrive from those countries and the oppression continues, for example, in the decision of the government to cut the overseas grants. I quote from an article in *La Presse* of February 1 referring to Stephen Lewis:

Lewis said Canada could be a bridge between developing countries and the developed world. He said only Canada and the U.S. among developed countries have reduced foreign aid.

The kind of prejudice in Canada that was reflected in the study by the Urban Alliance Against Racism showed that in Toronto statistically a white person had three times as many chances of getting a job as a black person did. That kind of prejudice is not to be found only in the minds of certain employers or other individuals, it is found in the structures and organization of our internal relationships in Canada and of our external relationships. In Canada we have the case as cited in *The Globe and Mail* of January 11 under the heading "Ojibway civil servant subjected to racial insults, federal investigator says". The article reads:

—Mary Pitawanakwat, a social development officer—

Ms Pitawanakwat is a social development officer for the multiculturalism branch of the Department of Secretary of State.

—Ms Pitawanakwat complained to the human rights commission that she had been racially and sexually harassed. After she was dismissed she obtained an order from the Federal Court of Appeal instructing the human rights commission to investigate her case.

The article goes on:

One employee heard an official call the Ojibway woman a "goddamn Indian," the investigator said.

Another bureaucrat joked about being "scalped" by natives, and others made derogatory remarks about the laziness of natives.

There is evidence that Ms Pitawanakwat was sexually harassed and subjected to special monitoring by the Regina office, the investigator said. She was also asked as part of her job to investigate allegations of drug offences within a native group—a request that was "unheard of and improper."

It might seem only that we have some bad apples in the management of that branch of the Ministry of State, of which the minister is so proud, as he told us this morning. In fact, that sort of attitude arises very naturally or easily from the fact that Canada continues after 300 years of white settlement here to oppress and to be