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One of the highlights was the sod-turning ceremony at the Ukrainian Heritage Village, 35 miles east of Edmonton, where a statue of Michael Luchkovich, the first Member of Parliament of Ukrainian racial origin, will be erected. Another highlight was the official opening of the veterans' section in the Ukrainian Museum and Archives documenting the many contributions made by the Ukrainian veterans during the wars.

Ukrainian Canadians served with courage and pride, defending freedom for Canada. We pay tribute to them.

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SOUTH AFRICA—CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about the situation in South Africa. The Government has indicated in the last few days, through the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark), that its present position is that Canadians should be called on to react in the light of certain revelations about what certain Canadian companies are continuing to do or not do in South Africa.

On behalf of my Party I want to say that we consider that an inadequate response by the Government of Canada. This is a time for the Government to show leadership, not to fall back and call on Canadians generally to take action. I know that Canadians will take action and express their indignation about events in South Africa and the role of Canadian companies in South Africa that continue to have investments and employees there.

Nevertheless, there is a time for leadership in the deteriorating situation in South Africa today—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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[Translation]

AIRPORTS

BELL HELICOPTER CORPORATION—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil—Papineau): Over the past fifteen years, Mr. Speaker, the constituency of Argenteuil—Papineau has had to endure every kind of insult from the previous Liberal Government.

First it was Mirabel and barbaric expropriations, now we read newspaper headlines concerning the Bell Helicopter problem which we inherited from our predecessors.

And yet, Mr. Speaker, those who today stand sanctimonious and insist that our Government settle this matter quickly did not hesitate to use Canadian taxpayers' money to launch an advertising and electoral campaign at Mirabel. This message

was splashed across billboards—A \$514-million investment, 3,000 permanent jobs.

Since 1984, Mr. Speaker, 30,000 Canadians have sent applications to Bell Helicopter in the hope of finding employment. The Liberals deceived the public with its own money.

In concluding I want to reassure Canadians, Quebecers and especially my constituents by telling them that the Minister responsible is discussing with the province to settle this matter in the near future. The outcome will be 600 real, conservative, safe, lasting, rational and promising jobs.

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[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

ELIGIBILITY REGULATION CHANGE—EFFECT ON SEASONAL WORKERS

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, over 10,000 farmworkers in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, as well as other seasonal workers such as loggers and fishers, have recently been dealt a very serious blow by the Conservative Government. The new rule requiring 16 weeks to establish eligibility for UI on a repeat claim will have a devastating impact on these workers many of whom are sponsored immigrants of East Indian origin and are thus ineligible for welfare. The new rule is based on totally unrealistic unemployment statistics. Farmworkers are already excluded from most basic legal protections.

I wish to join with members of the Canadian Farmworkers Union, and its President Sarwan Boal, in calling upon the Conservative Government to recognize the serious problems facing the unemployed in B.C. and take immediate steps to rescind this harsh and punitive new rule.

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[Translation]

THE ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, the latest economic indicators point to sustained economic growth in Quebec. Since the advent of this Government, 160,000 new jobs have been created in Quebec. The unemployment rate now stands at 10.6 per cent, the first time in five years when it is under 11 per cent.

The value of building permits in the first quarter of this year rose by 54 per cent. Additional investments in the building sector in 1985 topped \$833 million. Building starts in May 1986 were 69 per cent higher than in the same month last year.