

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 3, 1985

The House met at 2 p.m.

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## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

### THE ADMINISTRATION

#### GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, during the election campaign, last summer, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) was seeking a mandate for "jobs, jobs, jobs". He told Canadians that tens of thousands of jobs would be created as soon as his Cabinet was sworn in.

That was six months ago, and what do we have now? No subsidies, plants are closing down and thousands of jobs have been lost. The list of projects dropped by the Progressive Conservative Government is getting longer every day. In Quebec, the situation is disastrous. People are afraid to read the paper because another plant might be about to close its doors, leading to more unemployment, as was the case with Melchers, Domtar, Wabasso, Oxysynthèse, the Sherbrooke Mapping Institute and eleven plants in the Eastern Townships.

I wonder why Progressive Conservative Members, including those from Quebec, rise in the House to applaud the Prime Minister every time he smiles. From the back benches it sometimes looks like a Muppet Show.

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[English]

### THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, it seems that nobody wants the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) any more. Liberals in Quebec do not want him. Just yesterday, Quebec Liberal Leader Robert Bourassa said, "Thanks, but no thanks" to his offer of active support in the next Quebec election. It would seem that the Leader of the Quebec Liberals would rather lunch with the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) than with the Leader of the national Liberal Party.

Now it seems, Mr. Speaker, that even you are about to give the Liberal Leader the old heave ho. Today, Nicole Bosley was quoted in the press as saying that the right hon. gentleman has

overstayed his welcome at Kingsmere, the official residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons. "It's a matter of being firm and putting your foot down", she said. She went on to say that she wants you to tell the Leader of the Opposition: "Please leave, Mr. Turner. We have been very patient".

But wait, Mr. Speaker. The Leader of the Opposition has said that he cannot move into Stornoway until yet another round of renovations is completed. The Department of Public Works yesterday released figures to show that these renovations ordered by the Leader of the Opposition and his wife are going to cost the Canadian taxpayers over \$500,000; including \$85,000 for a new kitchen, \$31,750 for new wallpaper and paint, \$112,210 for new woodwork, and \$600 for a closet for their silver. Perhaps someone should tell the Right Hon. Member that he is moving into Stornoway and not Buckingham Palace.

Perhaps we could all take up a collection for the Leader of the Opposition so that he could afford to move into temporary lodgings—maybe the Holiday Inn. If he cannot afford that, perhaps we would consider buying a tent and setting it up on the front lawn of the Parliament Buildings. Then he might at least learn some humility.

I can only hope that all those people who are unemployed across Canada are watching today and can see how the Leader of the Liberal Party is spending their money.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YALTA AGREEMENT

**Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary East):** Mr. Speaker, on March 24 an American officer, Major Arthur Nicholson, was shot in East Germany by a Soviet soldier. With this in mind, we must reflect on the Yalta Agreement made 40 years ago. This agreement resulted in the division of Europe into two hostile blocs. It set the stage for the cold war and marked the beginning of mounting tension in Europe.

The only thing this agreement achieved was a spread of communism world-wide, and 40 years of military threat. As this House is aware, we still have no security in Europe; great armies still face one another; Germany remains divided, and 125 million Eastern Europeans still face a life of Soviet domination.

As a free nation, we must recognize and encourage the Soviet Union to cease the continued denial of self determination and sovereign independence to so many historic European nations. That is a basic right laid down by the United Nations.