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the private sector and which is aimed at making Montreal a world class industrial and technological centre.

In concluding, Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that I have the firm conviction that with this injection of \$150 million Montreal will be able to further enhance its role as a centre of excellence for a variety of disciplines.

I would like to recall the work done by members of the Montreal caucus who made this initiative a success and, again, our thanks to the minister.

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[*English*]**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, three days ago the national police of El Salvador kidnapped Jose Adolfo Rodas Rivera without a judicial order and are holding him in police headquarters, likely torturing him.

Rodas is a leader in the Christian Committee for the Displaced People, the group that has promoted the peaceful return of peasant families to war-torn areas of El Salvador.

The police are the force of the old military elite trying to block the peaceful return of democracy to El Salvador. With continuing United States' money and arms, El Salvador continues to drive some people to become refugees

Therefore, this is no time for Canada to begin dismantling our laws for giving shelter to refugees. We must not classify El Salvador as a safe country from which no real refugees come. We must not return Salvadorans to the United States without first examining their refugee claims, as Bill C-86 would allow us to do.

Instead, Canada should call on El Salvador to release Rodas unharmed, and on the United States to cease arming the Salvadoran security forces.

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**CANADA 125 CELEBRATIONS**

**Mr. Willie Littlechild (Wetaskiwin):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of this House and my

colleagues an important event that will be held in the town of Lacombe in my riding on July 1, 1992.

In honour of Canada's 125th birthday and in memory of Roland B. Michener, late Governor General of Canada, who was born in Lacombe, Alberta, the town has requested the donation of trees from communities across Canada as a living tribute. They hope to plant 125 trees in Michener Park, each one of which will have the name of the donating municipality engraved on a plaque. It is hoped by this to symbolically bring Canada together.

I would like to congratulate the town of Lacombe and all the constituents involved for their enthusiasm, dedication, and for this special way of celebrating Canada's 125th anniversary.

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[*Translation*]**CANADIAN UNITY**

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface):** In my riding, the St. Germain School has started a unique project on Canadian unity. Youngsters in the fifth grade studied present day Canada and asked a number of questions which I will quote here.

(1) Will Canada separate? (2) What will happen in that case? (3) What can we, as students, do to prevent this from happening?

What did they recommend? I will read it to you:

We want to do something for Canadian unity, and we have a message: A puzzle is worthless if there is a piece missing! We made a big flag which was signed by more than 600 people at school. There is a message on the flag: Long live a united Canada! Let's talk. Let's communicate.

[*English*]

The message is clear. It is not unlike the others I received from *Collège Louis-Riel* when they held a citizenship court, or from H. S. Paul and Samuel Burland schools, including the many hundreds of other students when they held their Canada 125 celebrations: "Let's keep our country together by talking to each other".

*Merci*, thank you to all of our young people.