

artist known and renowned around the world, André Roger, the world's fastest painter, has become the first man to achieve such a feat. This modest, earnest and determined fellow had indeed become a first class ambassador for our area as well as for all of Canada. I wanted to call attention to this impressive performance.

The talent and skill of André Roger are a never-ending source of fascination for crowds around the world and we are all very proud of him. For his contribution to the Mills area and the riding of Terrebonne, André Roger deserves respect and recognition from the people of Canada as well as from all the members of this House. Again, well done, Mr. Roger!

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[English]

UNITED NATIONS

Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, this past weekend in Vancouver the Liberal Party of Canada sponsored a most successful symposium on the role of Canada and the United Nations system in the 21st century.

This symposium, a non-partisan event, brought together national and international experts with Canadians from all walks of life to discuss the current status and future possibilities for the United Nations. Expressing commitment to a stronger UN role in an ever-increasing interdependent world, participants also spoke to the essential need for UN institutional reform.

Despite the availability for many years of expert opinion on issues such as UN leadership and the selection of the Secretary-General, it was noted that what we lack is the political will and commitment to UN reform by member countries in pursuit of global peace and security and the promotion of the necessary reform and strengthening of the United Nations.

The director of the United Nations Association in Canada has called upon other major political parties in Canada to duplicate the important initiative of the Liberal Party of Canada in sparking public and political debate on UN issues.

Oral Questions

THE ECONOMY

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I would like to attack two economic myths today. The first is the argument that corporations, especially foreign corporations, are staying away from Ontario since the election of the New Democrats last year.

Investment Canada has just issued its 1991 report showing where foreign firms put their money. Over 55 per cent went into Ontario.

This report also shoots down another economic myth. The Conservatives say that for Canada as a whole there has been more foreign investment since the free trade deal, but this year foreign investment fell by \$3.6 billion from the year before and investment in new businesses where extra jobs come from was less than a quarter of what it was in the year before.

Mr. Speaker: I want to bring to the attention of the House that the clock we are going by is the clock which I have here and it is 2.15 p.m. The other clocks can be ignored.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Welcome back.

In January the external affairs committee of the House passed a motion with the support of every Conservative member on that committee and I quote: "We recommend that the government and its negotiators keep Parliament and this committee regularly and fully informed about the current consultations and future negotiations of the North American free trade agreement".

This weekend the government completed phase one of the negotiations and Parliament has been told absolutely nothing of substance.

When will Parliament be fully informed about the substance of the negotiations as was agreed by an all-party committee?