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the powerless, only made more powerful by their union, against the recalcitrance of insensitive management. Strikes are often at the cost of hardship and frustration to the strikers. Often too, they bring inconvenience to members of the public, challenge their commitment to social justice, or test their priorities.

In London and Sarnia, Members of this House have honoured Air Ontario picket lines, that is, except for one. That the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise), the Member from Elgin, should fail to do so, many would say is his own business. But that he felt compelled on May 23 to insult two female pickets deliberately and give them the Trudeau finger of contempt can but bring contempt upon himself that his Party and Government will inevitably share.

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[Translation]

YOUTH

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

Mr. André Plourde (Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup): Mr. Speaker, Challenge 86, a program for which the Minister of State (Youth) (Mrs. Champagne) is responsible, has been of great benefit to students in the riding of Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup. In fact, 374 young people will have jobs this summer thanks to wage subsidies totalling \$472,578 which the federal Government is providing through Challenge 86. Two hundred and seventeen applications out of 297 have been approved in my riding. The private sector has created 154 jobs, non-profit organizations provided 169, while educational institutions and municipalities made 51 jobs available. Furthermore, on May 16, 1986, I attended the re-opening of two employment centres for students, one at Rivière-du-Loup and one at La Pocatière. Last year, the centres exceeded their placement objectives, and I hope we will get a repeat performance this year.

This is good news, Mr. Speaker. This is how young people in the riding of Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup are taking up the challenge.

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AIRPORTS

WORKING CONDITIONS OF SECURITY SEARCH EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil—Papineau): Mr. Speaker, it seems if we want to hear any good news, we Government Members will have to announce it ourselves. In the last two weeks, the press, television and the Opposition have been hammering away about the working conditions of search officers at the airports in Montreal and Quebec, and the alleged lack of concern of my Government for the safety of

travellers. However, the day before yesterday, as a result of intervention by our Government, security officers of the former Burns Agency reached an agreement with the new company responsible for baggage search. From now on, these employees will receive \$6.20 an hour, which means they will be working for the same salary and under the same working conditions as their colleagues in other Canadian airports. The people in my riding and even the metal workers' union are very pleased with this victory.

The Liberals and New Democrats specialize in controversy but do not mention the results when they are good. Mr. Speaker, this is one more achievement that will be hard to beat in the next election campaign!

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[English]

ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

NO SUGAR—AUSTRALIAN PLAYWRIGHT'S WORK

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Jack Davis, an Australian aboriginal playwright, has written a play entitled *No Sugar*. The theme of this play deals with attempts by Australian Governments to rid their country of natives by policies of extermination, assimilation, and isolation.

The bold and disturbing theme is handled with compassion and even humour, but the stark message is never blunted. The play ran with rave reviews at Expo 86 and is now being staged here in Ottawa under the auspices of the National Arts Centre. It has considerable relevance for Canadian audiences since the history of our relationship with the native people of Canada is equally brutal.

Those who care about native issues and aboriginal rights in Canada, including all Hon. Members, should not miss seeing this presentation.

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[Translation]

YOUTH

EMPLOYMENT PERSPECTIVES

Mr. Clément M. Côté (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, contrary to what the Liberal Opposition, particularly Quebec Members, would have us believe, the youth unemployment rate decreased from 18.4 per cent at election time to 15 per cent now, the lowest rate ever since December 1981. To put it another way, 98,000 new jobs have been created since September 1984, against a net loss of 285,000 jobs under the Liberals.