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Canada for its safety standards, while at the same time refusing to release the details of the study because it was to remain confidential and the property of Air Canada, said, as reported in *The Globe and Mail* on September 30, "You shouldn't have a bastard bunch of airplanes mixed in with the whole fleet, but that is a political issue (for Canada) as I understand it. It's unfortunate that you have one group of planes that is metric and one group that is not."

On September 19 I rose and asked for a public inquiry into the crash landing of an Air Canada Boeing 767 at Gimli, Manitoba. The Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy) responded, saying, "If the opposition were to co-operate we could get that legislation through very quickly—" and, presumably, out of committee. We did co-operate and the legislation is out of committee, but we are still waiting for it to appear in the House in order that we can have public inquiries into these kinds of accidents.

The Canadian people will not be happy now that they have learned that this clean bill of health for Air Canada's safety is a result of a seven-man commission appointed by the president of Air Canada, with five of the seven members of the commission being salaried employees of the Boeing Aircraft Company.

How serious does an accident have to be if Canada is to have a public inquiry? Will the Government listen to the air pilots and the air traffic controllers, and hold off air travel in metric until the world associations determine it is safe to change to metric?

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HUMAN RIGHTS

EFFECT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LEGISLATION

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Madam Speaker, the Social Credit Government of British Columbia has objected to a \$20,000 federal grant to the Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee on the ground that it will be used to overthrow the Government.

When the provincial Government first cut back on human rights it did so in the name of financial restraint. It now appears that the Socreds fear human rights as a threat to their stay in power. In a sense they are right. Whenever people learn to value their own humanity and to stand up for their own rights, they pose a threat to all mean spirited and repressive governments.

In the same way, the Socreds object to federal funding for self-help centres for the unemployed. These centres provide basic counselling for workers and their families who suffer from the trauma of unemployment. They operate community food banks. Right now they are beginning to organize Christmas hampers and gifts for families who would otherwise do without.

The Socreds fear that when unemployed workers get together they will talk and discuss the basic reasons for their

unemployment. The neo-neanderthals fear the full humanity of all people who co-operate to better their own lives and who organize and plan for better communities. Considering the federal Government's failure to solve the problem of unemployment, it has a continuing responsibility to fund these self-help centres, and not be spooked by Socred fears.

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BILINGUALISM

WINNIPEG REFERENDUM

Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Madam Speaker, it is a great concern to Members of Parliament in all Parties that the City of Winnipeg has decided by a very narrow vote in city council to hold a referendum on French language rights during the municipal elections next month. The wording of the proposed referendum is so complex and so ambiguous that many people may not understand the purpose of the vote.

The intent of the provincial legislation which prompted Winnipeg City Council to hold this referendum is not to ram French down the throats of Manitobans, nor to make it a necessary criterion of advancement in business or in the civil service of that Province for people to speak French as well as English. Rather, it is to provide some provincial services in French to Franco-Manitobans, and to comply with Section 23 of the Manitoba Act of 1870, which was a condition under which Manitoba entered Confederation.

All Canadians are hoping that the citizens of Winnipeg will uphold the Canadian traditions of tolerance, fairness, and multicultural understanding, when they mark their ballots on October 26.

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THE CONSTITUTION

PRIVATE PROPERTY WEEK—CALL FOR INCLUSION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I want to remind the House that this is Private Property Week, a national observance sponsored by the Canadian Real Estate Association and its 50,000 members across the country.

I trust all members will endorse the purpose of the observance which is to remind Canadians of their existing rights and responsibilities. It is also to remind them that when encroachments on property, through all manner of laws and regulations, are always increasing, property rights cannot be taken for granted.

At the same time we know that property rights in Canada could and should be strengthened through an amendment that would entrench them in the Charter of Rights. I have seen some fine words from the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) pledging his support both for the purposes of this week and for the amendment. If the Government is serious about adding