

APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA—TREATMENT OF BLACK CHILDREN—WORLD REACTION

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, the children of South Africa are going to a special school today. It is a school of the real world.

They are learning that brutal tyranny and the ruthless subjugation of a people do not mobilize nations as much as they mobilize words. Some are noble words, promising action, like those of our Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). Some are the transparent words, like those who would use guns to defend English sheep on a far off island that cannot be her own. Some are the words of collaborators sent abroad to earn their keep from the oppressor. And there are the influential words of those not cured of latent racism, the mendacious Minister turned columnist, the retired judge, and the official spokesman of those who would keep Canada pure and, being consistent, spit calumny upon the victims of racism in South Africa.

Will we take home a lesson for the black children of South Africa, the fulfilled promise of the Prime Minister, or must they foresee that the negative voices will be the more compelling and that they should look elsewhere if ever they are to achieve freedom?

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COINAGE

UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE'S STUDY OF PROPOSED NEW DOLLAR COIN

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, copying being the sincerest form of flattery, it is interesting to note that a committee of members of the American House of Representatives and Senate is proposing that the United States mint a gold coloured one dollar coin.

The success of the Canadian gold "looney" *vis-à-vis* the silver Susan B. Anthony has evidently done much to prompt this reconsideration.

In order to retain the compatibility between Canadian and U.S. coinage, it would be advantageous for the Americans to adopt size and weight specifications similar to ours. We could help them with the special technology needed to coat the nickel blanks which we could also supply to them should they so wish.

The Royal Canadian Mint must be proud of its successful coinage innovations which other countries look to as a source of inspiration.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

REFERENCE TO PRETTY GIRLS

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, there is a new wrinkle in the ongoing saga of "close encounters of the capital kind". The "capital kind encounters" we are talking about are the parties that will be taking place tonight in various homes across the City of Ottawa.

There have been a number of suggestions that these parties have been set up to lobby. However, according to the ex-Conservative Member of Parliament who says these are not lobbying parties: "If anyone comes to try to sell them submarines, staplers, or whiskey, this is the wrong place to do it. They are probably—" the Ministers "—just going to be looking for pretty girls".

Given that Mr. Binks is hosting a party tonight where the Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) will be present, I am quite sure that the Hon. Minister would not accept an invitation to a party where he is going just to look for pretty girls.

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I am sure that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, in protest at the comments that have been made by his soon-to-be host, Mr. Binks, will decline the invitation and boycott the party tonight so he can put an end to these "close encounters of the capital kind".

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSAL CONCERNING DUMP AT CANTLEY IN QUEBEC

Mrs. Claudy Mailly (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, the situation is serious in the Cantley area of the city of Gatineau. Proposed dump sites could cause tremendous harm to the environment. The Quebec Government was alerted by citizens of Cantley. I therefore want to formally advise Environment Canada, whose Minister already has assured me of his cooperation. He is ready to discuss with his Quebec counterpart a situation of concern to citizens in my constituency, without infringing upon the provincial jurisdiction. I thank the Minister for his usual understanding.

[English]

The question of waste disposal is a complicated one as we run out of environmentally safe ways and sites, but we must not take steps that we will regret because of looking at short term solutions.

Our environment, Mr. Speaker, is very fragile. It should not be abused as a means to find a very fast solution to a very complicated problem.