

One of the ladies, Miss Mary Barclay, was present at the conference and was honoured by the delegates.

The Canadian Hostelling Association and Canada's fitness and tourism programs are complementary. Besides attracting to Canada hundreds of youths from around the world, it is an instrument of understanding and peace, blended with environmental appreciation. I compliment the Canadian Hostelling Association and urge the Government to continue and increase its financial support to this splendid organization.

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### ABORTION

#### POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) has breached another very firm commitment to the people of Canada. He committed himself to introduce legislation on abortion prior to the next general election campaign. Yesterday, seven full months after the Supreme Court of Canada rendered its decision in the Morgentaler case, the Prime Minister said he is going to wait for the results of the Borowski case.

Two months ago the Government went to the Supreme Court of Canada, asking the Supreme Court to postpone the Borowski case until Parliament had an opportunity to deal with the issue. The Prime Minister is now telling us that Parliament needs the guidance of the Court and he is postponing the introduction of legislation pending the results of the Borowski case.

The net effect of the new position of the Prime Minister of Canada is that we will not have legislation introduced until at least two years down the road. The Court is hearing the case in October and it is unlikely to render a decision until at least the following year. This is another example of a broken promise by the Prime Minister of Canada. He has a lot of explaining to do. He has to explain to the people of Canada his about-face on this very crucial issue which faces the country. The reality is that the Prime Minister lacks the courage and conviction to introduce legislation.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### BURUNDI—CONTINUATION OF RACIAL VIOLENCE

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, since its independence in 1962, the history of Burundi has been marred by one intertribal massacre after another. After the slaughter of 2,000 Tutsis in 1972, 200,000 Hutus were massacred in a period of only six weeks. Racial violence continues today. In the last few weeks over 5,000 people have

been killed and 100,000 have been made homeless. The army has been deeply implicated in the killing.

Mankind ought not to tolerate human rights violations on such a massive scale. Canada should press the United Nations to conduct an independent investigation and to take action to stop the genocide.

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**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, in a CBC interview last night the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) continued in his failure to provide leadership on the subject of abortion. He talked about abortion as being a question of personal decision for Members of Parliament when it comes to voting, but did not recognize the more basic personal decision women must make. What a double standard.

The Prime Minister defends the rights of Members of Parliament to vote on the basis of a personal moral decision, yet he stays silent on the question of the right of a woman to make a personal moral decision as to whether or not she should have an abortion.

No wonder that Ruth Evans of the United Church said last week that Canadians do not trust the Mulroney Government to come up with a workable solution on abortion. She said: "Mulroney, in particular, has not shown any clear leadership". It is not enough to say this is a difficult moral issue. He now wants to postpone any decision on abortion until after the election and hide his Government's position. The Conservative Government must tell the Canadian people what it plans to do on the question of abortion.

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### THE PRESS

#### ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF EDITOR OF *INDO CANADIAN TIMES*

**Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale):** Mr. Speaker, just a few days ago a 17-year old male was charged in the shooting of Tara Singh Hayer, the editor of the *Indo Canadian Times*, the largest Punjabi newspaper in B.C. A few days prior to the assassination attempt, a report from London, England, said that Hayer was one of the men targeted for a \$50,000 contract killing because of his political views.

In Canada freedom of speech is the cornerstone of our democracy. Canadians have fought and died in two world wars to preserve this right. The printed and electronic media are free to venture any opinion on any topic without fear of endangering one's physical well-being. Assassination as a