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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATIONTELEVISIONING OF FILM *TOMMY DOUGLAS—KEEPER OF THE FLAME*

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, tonight is a special night for most Canadians, particularly New Democrats. At eight p.m. CBC television will air the NFB film *Tommy Douglas—Keeper of the Flame*. Directed by Elise Swerhone, the film is about Tommy and his work on behalf of all Canadians, particularly the little guy. Thousands of Canadians will be gathered around their TVs tonight to watch the story about their hero, the little fellow who brought them medicare. Unfortunately, not all CBC stations are carrying the show this evening. According to the agreements between CBC and its affiliates, this is not one of the shows which must be carried by the affiliates.

Local TV stations in at least two communities have decided not to air the show tonight. In Thunder Bay and London viewers will be able to watch an American TV program, *Sidekicks*, instead of a real Canadian show with a real Canadian hero, Tommy Douglas. I urge viewers in London, Thunder Bay, and any other city where the show will not be aired to call their local CBC station and cast a vote in favour of Canadian history, and get them to air *Tommy Douglas—Keeper of the Flame*.

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TRADECANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—SHIPBUILDING
INDUSTRY'S NEED FOR ACCESS TO UNITED STATES MARKET

Mrs. Mary Collins (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, I am sure the House will be pleased to learn of the full endorsement by Canada's shipbuilding industry of our Government's intention to negotiate a comprehensive trade agreement with the United States. I recognize and sympathize with the difficulties facing shipyards and shipyard workers across the country, difficulties which would be greatly eased on the West Coast by the early award for the construction of the Polar Class 8 ice-breaker to British Columbia. However, the increasingly assiduous implementation of U.S. restrictions such as the Jones Act and the Burns-Tollefson amendment which prohibit or obstruct Canada's access to the U.S. marine market for construction and repair work are having a negative impact on all Canadian shipyards.

Changes are needed, such as the extension of the Canada-U.S.A. Defence Production Sharing Understanding to include naval vessels. I share the opinion of the Canadian Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing Association that such changes under a new Canada-U.S. trade agreement would be of significant economic benefit to the shipbuilding and allied industries of both

countries, and would strengthen the North American defence industrial strategic base.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICENATIONAL PAROLE BOARD—RELEASE OF CONVICTED
MURDERER

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, a federal inquiry is necessary into the hideous first-degree rape and murder of 21-year old Celia Ruygrok by an individual who was on parole for a previous gruesome murder. It has raised disturbing questions about our parole system and the operations of the halfway house where the murder occurred. Supreme Court Justice David Watt said: "Logic and reason were obviously not applied" in releasing the murderer on parole.

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The parole system has failed in a very fundamental way. The system must assume some responsibility for the Ruygrok murder. How and why was the murderer released after serving only nine years of a life sentence for the original murder? The bottom line is that he should not have been released. The National Parole Board must account. If Canadians are to have confidence in our criminal justice system, a full and complete inquiry is necessary into this miscarriage of justice. Mr. Speaker, I call on the Government to order an inquiry at the earliest opportunity.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Yesterday in the House, Mr. Speaker, the former Solicitor General of Canada and present Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East (Mr. Allmand) stated that the Quebec Association of St. John Baptiste Societies is an extremist group.

This is the kind of arrogance which, so prevalent in the Liberal Government of the 1970s of which he was a member, had then given rise to serious social upheavals in Quebec and even led to loss of lives.

The Liberal Member, speaking from his seat in the House as a prestigious former Minister, made a vile attack against the St. John Baptiste Society.

Mr. Speaker, my grandfather owes to the St. John Baptiste Society the fact that his grandson can now speak French in the House. It ranks among the leading defenders and outstanding proponents of the development of French culture in North