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HEALTH

HEPATITIS IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, yesterday a CP wire story focused on hepatitis in the Northwest Territories, citing that in Fort Rae, for example, 61 per cent of the people tested showed evidence of infection and 12 per cent of these were active carriers—60 times the national average. This is common knowledge to people who live in the Territories where diseases such as hepatitis and amoebic dysentery, which are more often associated with Third World countries, are endemic.

Medical experts agree that the battle against these diseases will not be won until public sanitation systems can be upgraded to the standards of southern Canada.

In his speech to the Liberal Convention last November, the Prime Minister said, "We will put in place a national program to rebuild our communities" and "there are roads to be built and sewers to be constructed." Let him now keep to his word and work closely with the municipal and territorial Governments to build these desperately needed sewer systems so that our children no longer will be obliged to play amongst the barrels and bags of human excrement which line the streets of northern communities, awaiting collection.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

EL SALVADOR—CONTENT OF CANADIAN RESOLUTION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, I would like to state categorically today that I was amazed at the weakness of Resolution L-18 that was tabled by the Canadian delegation to the Human Rights Commission in Geneva this past week. It is about El Salvador but does not mention the real causes of the problems in El Salvador. It does not call on all foreign Governments to stop sending arms to that country, and it does not call for dialogue and negotiations.

In light of these matters the Holy Father, Pope John II, is visiting that region of the world this week. He is attempting to bring about some kind of peaceful solution to the whole area, but at the same time President Reagan of the United States is calling for \$60 million more in military aid to El Salvador, as well as trying to increase the number of military advisers in the country.

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Secretary Schultz of the United States has likewise, in a most insensitive way, attacked the Church, and particularly Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas, recently appointed Archbishop of El Salvador, for the position that the Archbishop holds which calls for dialogue.

Therefore I call upon the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau) and the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) to make our voices heard in the United States

against such action, and, at the same time, to join together with the Governments of Mexico, France and Venezuela, and all others who are attempting to bring about peace in that region.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

SPORTS

CANADA WINTER GAMES IN SAGUENAY-LAC-SAINT-JEAN REGION

Mr. Marcel Dionne (Chicoutimi): Madam Speaker, the 1983 Canada Winter Games closing ceremonies will take place this evening, and I believe that it is fitting that we should draw the attention of the House to the fact that something like 2,000 Canadian athletes from our ten provinces and two territories have taken part in this sporting event. The Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean area has hosted the 1983 Canada Winter Games. Close to 5,000 volunteers from the four host cities, namely Chicoutimi, Jonquière, Alma and Ville de la Baie, devoted their time and energy to ensure the success of that great sporting event.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau) attended the opening ceremonies, and he was impressed, as was the public at large, by the show which featured 410 singers, dancers, musicians and entertainers of my region. The 1983 Canada Winter Games were nothing less than the celebration of amateur sports, Canadian unity, and friendship between youths. As well, the Games did contribute to bringing our people closer together while fostering a spirit of co-operation and unity among all public associations of the area. The Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) (Mr. Perrault) has played a leading role in the organization of the Games. The organizers, the participants and especially the volunteers at all levels are to be commended for their contributions.

Finally, I am convinced that the flame of the Canada Games which will be put out in Chicoutimi this evening will be lit anew in four years with as much—

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AIR TRANSPORT

APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS TO SMALL FIRMS

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, following the release of the Dubin Report, the Department of Transport began a campaign to ensure that every regulation which governed the air industry, and especially the helicopter industry, was complied with to the letter. Rather than attempting to ensure compliance from all sectors