

that Canadian children can be spared the tragic effects of foetal alcohol disabilities.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. Réginald Bélair (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, Nibin Amik is a First Nation community of 310 residents and is located in my riding of Cochrane—Superior approximately 450 miles northeast of Thunder Bay. The community is accessible by air only.

On May 7 of this year, Summer Beaver suffered a serious setback when their log school burned to the ground. The fire occurred during the school day and fortunately most of the 85 children were outside at recess. No one was injured, but all teaching supplies were burned.

Summer Beaver is in desperate need of a wide range of supplies that could be used in their temporary school. The school is an elementary school up to grade six. The community will also require adequate facilities for the students in September when school begins again.

I urge the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to address this crisis situation at Summer Beaver and assure the residents that there will be a school facility for their children in September.

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[Translation]

YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, families of Yugoslavian origin in my riding, like John Plesac's family in Val d'Or, have been worried about the situation in Yugoslavia for months.

A battalion of Canadian peacekeeping forces in Croatia should be at Sarajevo airport to help send humanitarian aid through.

Our people are proud of what our Canadian soldiers are doing with the United Nations in trying to establish and maintain peace in Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavian families in Abitibi and I want to thank our Canadian soldiers today and assure them of our gratitude.

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CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): Mr. Speaker, the constitutional negotiations have failed. The federal government has not been able to obtain a consensus from the English speaking provinces on offers acceptable to Quebec. Let us be up front about it: it is a failure, plain and simple.

There is just one thing left to do: Quebec must hold a referendum on Quebec sovereignty, nothing else. That is why I ask the federal government to stop negotiating under the table with Mr. Bourassa, because he does not represent what Quebecers want.

If the federal government wants to know Quebec's position, it should let the people of Quebec hold a referendum on sovereignty. I know what Quebecers want: they want to be masters in their own house, so that they can develop properly.

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[English]

POLICE

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, over the past several weeks there have been many negative comments about police men and women.

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I call upon all members of Parliament and society at large to thank and praise our police men and women from municipal, to provincial, to our RCMP officers. Under increasingly complex and sometimes terrifying conditions they deserve our understanding and full support.

When they pursue a known drug dealer, order him to stop, fire a warning shot, and then are attacked with a knife, I want them to know that I fully support them if they deem it necessary to use their revolver to protect themselves and thereby society at large.

I urge the government not to concentrate its attention exclusively on individual rights and freedoms and the defence of those accused of, or suspected of, criminal activity, but rather to focus on protecting law-abiding citizens and particularly police officers, as they serve us, seek to protect us, and uphold law and order.