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According to Marcel Adam of *La Presse*, Mr. Speaker, this Opposition "is acting in bad faith, intellectually dishonest and disloyal by systematically thwarting all Government endeavours instead of concentrating on constructive criticism".

The Globe and Mail's Jeffrey Simpson was quite right when he wrote recently, and I quote: "The Liberals' response to the Wilson Budget offers further depressing evidence that intellectual inconsistency, hypocrisy and political opportunism—

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[English]

POLITICAL PARTIES

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT—PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CAMPAIGN PROMISES

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, during the last election campaign the Tories made 338 promises to the Canadian people. Today's reading from the "Book of 338 Tory Promises" will be on research and development. The first promise was to double our R and D effort to 2.5 per cent of GNP in the first four years in office. The second promise was to change and simplify the tax system. The third promise was to strengthen the linkage between private and public sector research. Another promise was to assist Canadian companies to export their technology abroad, and finally, to facilitate the adaptation in Canada of innovative technology developed abroad. All these promises have, of course, been broken.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

BOOKS AUTHORED BY LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, a pattern is setting in for former Liberal Party leadership contenders. First you get a part-time job as a lawyer. Next you spend a little time in Ottawa. Third, you write a clandestine book about the solidarity of the former Liberal Cabinet.

Straight from the Heart was the first insight into the peace, love, and harmony which permeates the Liberal hierarchy. Yesterday the love-in continued with the launching of a book called *Up the Hill*. The author, the external affairs critic for the Official Opposition, offers many insightful examples of the harmony, consultation, and team work which existed through 1980-84. The National Energy Program was too minor to bring before Cabinet, as was the decision to have Petro-Canada take over Petrofina.

The author's respect for his former Leader's imagination and feelings on gut issues, and the former Prime Minister's determination to seek advice only from elected representatives, certainly galvanized his Cabinet's solidarity.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

CONDITIONS IN WINDSOR, ONT.

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, there is considerable concern in the automotive industry occasioned by the threat from the free trade talks to the Auto Pact. Members of Parliament from Windsor, as well as workers from the area, have sought meetings with General Motors and Chrysler. Their concern arises from the loss of jobs at the trim plant in Windsor and the failure to open the Chrysler engine plant. We have asked the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) to arrange meetings with those two manufacturers.

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More recently Local 444 in Windsor sought a meeting with the Minister. They wrote a letter on January 28. That letter has not yet been answered. They ask that that letter be answered and that meetings be arranged as they have requested.

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[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CO-OPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I want to draw the attention of the House of Commons to the presence in our gallery of Citizen Mokolo Wa Mpombo, Commissioner of State for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of the Republic of Zaire, accompanied by a parliamentary delegation of Zaire.

[English]

PRESENCE IN THE GALLERY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker: Let me also advise Members of the presence today of the Hon. Robert McClelland, Minister of Industry and Small Business Development of British Columbia.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GULF OF SIDRA—LIBYA-UNITED STATES CONFRONTATION

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the Canadian Government examined the means and, if so, would the Minister care to enlighten Parliament on how the Canadian Government feels it can contribute