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The muscles of his face were strained and tense, but the socialist leader gave the go-ahead to his party's mercenaries.

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IMMIGRATION

SITUATION OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEE STATUS CLAIMANTS

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, almost 300 Ukrainian refugees who escaped from Poland and are at present in Rome have not been permitted to come to Canada since they applied for permission to come to this country.

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) has the floor. I apologize for the fact that he had to be interrupted.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, several weeks ago I asked a question on behalf of those refugees and received no answer. A week later my colleague from Winnipeg—Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie) asked the same question and again received no answer. Last week the Conservative Member for Parkdale—High Park (Mr. Witer) asked the same question and received a non-committal answer from the Minister.

I understand that two days ago the Minister met with a delegation from the Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society who explained the problem to her. I further understand she has now agreed to facilitate the entry of these refugees to Canada. I want to thank her, and pay particular tribute to the efforts made by the Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society, and I am sure all Members of Parliament will join with me in that expression of thanks.

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PARLIAMENT HILL

PEARSON STATUE—NAMING OF SCULPTOR

Mrs. Shirley Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join with my friend from Glengarry—Prescott—Russell in announcing the commissioning of Mr. Danek Modzenski as the sculptor for the statute of the Hon. Lester B. Pearson.

The choice of Mr. Modzenski was made from five Canadian finalists. He was born in Edmonton, obtained his training at

the Alberta College of Art, the Academy of Fine Arts and Crafts in Poland, Red Deer College, Vancouver School of Art, and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

The work submitted and the difficulty of making the choice are a tribute to the talent of all Canadian artists. Mr. Modzenski is a fine example of the talent of Canadian youth and we are pleased with his commission today.

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APARTHEID

GOVERNMENT TREATMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROLLED COMPANIES

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) claims to be a leader against apartheid in South Africa. In 1985, with much fanfare and with a puffed chest, the Minister announced a series of measures to demonstrate opposition to apartheid in South Africa.

Yesterday in the House I pointed out to him that his own Department was making grants to South African controlled companies operating in Canada. Not only that, the Government has been doing business with South African controlled companies over the last several years, amounting to almost \$2 million. How can one seriously accept the Minister's commitment to fighting apartheid when the Government is taking a business as usual approach to South African controlled companies doing business in Canada?

Yesterday in the House the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. de Cotret) said: "I can tell the House that the Department has not provided any financial assistance to Boart Canada Incorporated", one of the South African controlled companies. The Minister was mistaken and I hope he will take the opportunity to clarify the record. Here it is in black and white. Boart Canada has received grants from the Department of External Affairs.

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Mr. Speaker: Sometimes the Speaker has a special prerogative. I am going to ask the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) to rise. He and I and others were at a memorial tribute today to a former colleague of ours, the Hon. Jean Marchand.