

received a letter and referred it at once to the board of Air Canada. To say that it all started in the Minister's office is a distortion of the truth. It is a corporate decision that has been made. The Hon. Member's representations will be brought to the Minister's attention.

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### CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### CANCOM CORPORATION RATES

**Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, in July, 1983, a Saskatchewan cable television company, Battlefords Community Cablevision, was concerned and wrote two letters to the CRTC about an apparent inconsistency in rates offered by Cancom. My question is directed to the Minister of Communications. At that time did the CRTC undertake an investigation of this matter? If so, precisely what was done?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, I have taken the question as notice. I will check with the Department of Communications and the CRTC and send you the answer.

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[English]

### VISIBLE MINORITIES

#### INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE CANADIANS DURING WORLD WAR II

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Multiculturalism. Before taking office the Prime Minister committed himself to a process of Japanese-Canadian redress, including compensation. However, the Minister has again thrown cold water on the Government's written promise of December 15, 1984, to negotiate a settlement with the national association. Given that any agreement is only as good as the process, a process which has not been in existence, why is the Minister going against the spirit of his own leader and the commitment made by his predecessor in 1984? Is he telling the House that they were both wrong?

**Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Minister of State (Multiculturalism)):** Mr. Speaker, as is usually the case, the Hon. Member is a day late, since I answered a similar question put by an Hon. Member from the New Democratic Party yesterday. I would repeat for the Hon. Member's sake that, whatever commitment this Party and the Prime Minister made, is going to be kept, and that is a heck of a lot more than can be said for the Liberals.

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Marchi:** Mr. Speaker, I am going to ignore his petty articulation on such an important issue. I would only say that his position has been shameful and irresponsible given his own Government's commitment—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Does the Hon. Member just have a question?

REQUEST THAT MINISTER DIVEST HIMSELF OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR REDRESS

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, since the Minister is incapable of respecting his predecessor's commitment—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member is not asking a question. He can see what his preamble is causing. Would he just put a question now?

**Mr. Marchi:** Will the Minister remove himself from the dossier of Japanese-Canadian redress since he does not have sensitivity to it or the confidence of the community, and cannot respect the commitment of the Prime Minister and his own predecessor?

**Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Minister of State (Multiculturalism)):** Mr. Speaker, I do not need any lessons on sensitivity from an Hon. Member who uses this issue to grandstand, because that is exactly what he is doing here today and has been doing all along.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Jelinek:** The Hon. Member knows full well that I initiated a wide-ranging series of discussions with all interested parties—

**Mr. Marchi:** Take your running shoes out of your mouth.

**Mr. Jelinek:** Are you going to listen, or are you going to motor-mouth like you usually do?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Order.

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### LABOUR RELATIONS

#### SHIPWORKERS' STRIKE

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. The Minister will know that this week more than a thousand Government employees who operate ships for four federal Departments right across the country were forced off the job because the Government refused to negotiate in good faith or