

that the non-polluted southern Georgian Bay area is one of the best in Ontario within which to work and to raise a family, and for recreational enjoyment and participation.

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## HISTORIC EVENTS

### ANNIVERSARY OF BALTIC HOLOCAUST DAY

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines):** Mr. Speaker, several communities across the country marked June 14 as Baltic Holocaust Day because that day sadly marks the first dreadful night 45 years ago when over 600,000 citizens of the three Baltic States were forcibly removed to Russian slave labour camps. The survivor rate was pathetic. A committal to a Soviet Gulag prison camp was but a slow walking death sentence.

The Baltic holocaust is well recorded in history, but it did not stop there. The Russification of those three once proud and free democratic states goes on to today, even if it is in more subtle ways.

Lenin once said: "These people have the right to self-determination". He recognized them as sovereign and independent states. Why does modern Russia not respect its own Constitution and its signature on the Helsinki Accords, and let the captive nations go free?

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## DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

### LAY-OFFS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

**Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) is laying off about 11 employees involved in job creation in the province of Newfoundland.

I have two points to make. The first is that the situation is being addressed in a shameful way. One employee received a note today that he has two weeks' notice. He is a 44-year old man who has served the Department for three years and has a child in university. He does not know what will happen to him at the end of the two weeks. It is the manner in which it was done. Second, employees are being laid off, such as that man, who administer a budget of about \$1.5 million, with hundreds of ongoing projects in a province with the highest unemployment rate in Canada.

I say two things to the Minister. For God's sake, let us create jobs in Newfoundland and let us hold on to those employees. Second, let us do it in a proper way.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

### RIANT AND ARGUTE PAGE STAFF

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, the 1985-86 Pages in the House of Commons equal or excel the high standard of service set by their predecessors. They are a happy, dedicated, smiling, sincere, devoted, loyal, punctual, blissful, felicitous, lighthearted, blithe, jocund, mirthful, riant and gleeful group.

This courageous, dauntless, resolute, sagacious, wise, gnostic, sophic, astute, knowledgeable, shrewd, argute group of forty have helped, aided, secured, succored, alleviated, assuaged and supported the Members of Parliament. When a Member took sick a Page was the first there to assist. And on the ice their speed, peppery, swift, racy, spicy, zesty, back-checking, front-checking, side-checking and diversions defeated the MPs for the first time in recent history.

They came as youth. They leave as men and women with a greater knowledge and love for our great country. With young people like these Pages, we do not have to worry about a glorious future for Canada.

Viva the Pages!

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

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## CHALLENGE '86

### CALL FOR PROGRAM MONITORING

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, there is considerable concern across the country about the quality of training which Challenge '86 is providing. The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) spends a considerable amount of time telling us about how much money she is spending. It would be good to know that the money is being well spent.

I call upon the Minister to institute a monitoring program which would assure us that clients are getting the kind of training which is valuable to them. At present the money is being spent, but the training results are questionable.

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## TRADE

### BILATERAL TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES—POSITION OF LIBERALS

**Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis):** In the Saturday, June 14 issue of the *Ottawa Citizen*, Mr. Speaker, we could read about