

REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION**SUGGESTED LOCATION OF THERMAL GENERATING UNIT IN
DALHOUSIE, N. B.**

Mr. Albert Girard (Restigouche): Mr. Speaker, recent statistics have again demonstrated that the County of Restigouche suffers from chronically high levels of unemployment and the lack of a dynamic industrial base. With lay-offs at CN and two other major industries in my riding, the federal Government and the Government of New Brunswick must continue to work together to create more durable employment in Restigouche.

To that end, I would urge the Government of my province and the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission to locate in Dalhousie their proposed carbo-gel thermal generating unit. This new process, developed with generous assistance from the federal Government, uses New Brunswick coal mixed with Venezuelan oil, and would be a natural for the second unit at the Dalhousie thermal plant.

We have the port facilities in Dalhousie for the transportation of the raw materials, and we have the manpower. We are located close to the New Brunswick-Quebec interconnections. Restigouche needs the 200 permanent jobs that this project would create.

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HUMAN RIGHTS**CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ROMANIA—PLIGHT OF HUNGARIAN
MINORITIES**

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of Canadians a serious minority rights problem within the communist bloc. The Canadian-Hungarian community is crying out for pressure to be brought on the communist Governments of Czechoslovakia and Romania over the plight of the Hungarian minority living in those two countries since the partition of Hungary following World War I.

Four million ethnic Hungarians live in Transylvania and Slovakia. They are forced to give up their national identity, language, religion, and culture. A growing protest is being registered by the community mainly through the Hungarian Human Rights Foundation which is sponsored by religious and community organizations in Canada.

Canadians fully understand the importance of cultural expression as a part of human identity. The Liberal Party urges the Government to send a strong message to Romania and Czechoslovakia in the cause of human rights denied.

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LIBERAL PARTY**PARTY FINANCING**

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, the Liberals still think they own Canada and Quebec. Their political stars from Quebec still want to rule the roost.

The Hon. Member for Laval-des-Rapides (Mr. Garneau) and Senator Rizzuto are practising a form of blackmail against municipal authorities. Is the Liberal Party in such financial straits that it has to resort to threats to get back in the black?

On February 23, 1987, the municipal authorities of the riding of Saint-Jean received—

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[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think the Hon. Member might want to reconsider his statement and discuss it with the Speaker. Perhaps he can rise again tomorrow.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**ELGIN MARBLES—CALL FOR RETURN TO ATHENS**

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, today Canadians join with Greeks all over the world to celebrate Greek National Day. On this day, March 25, in 1821 began the uprising which resulted eight years later in independence from Turkish rule. Greek men and women then endured brutal repression to secure their freedom. As we salute them we remember the courage of other peoples all over the world who still live under foreign domination and continue to struggle for freedom. Today we remember especially the people of Cyprus where our own troops guard the fragile Green Line which demarcates the Turkish Army occupation zone.

There is still some unfinished business from the period of Turkish domination of Greece which is of particular concern to Canadians and other members of the Commonwealth. I refer to the removal of the so-called Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon to London. All civilized people must denounce this act of cultural terrorism and call for it to be undone, specifically by the return of this great work of art to its original home in Athens.