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Mark asks PM to honour promise

Ottawa – Today in the House of Commons, Inky Mark, M.P. rose to once again ask that Jean Chretien honour his 1993 promise. His statement was as follows:

“Mr. Speaker:

Today marks the beginning of a national post card campaign by the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Assoc. and Ukrainian Canadian Congress to ask the Prime Minister to honour his 1993 promise to acknowledge and provide restitution for those people who were interned in the First National Internment Operation.

On June 8, 1993, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress received the following letter from the current Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter and the copies of the “Economic Losses of Ukrainian Canadians resulting from Internment During World War 1”

The Liberal Party understands your concern. As you know we support your efforts to secure the redress of Ukrainian-Canadian claims arising from their internment and loss of freedoms during the First World War and inter war period. You can be assured that we will continue to monitor the situation closely and seek to ensure that the government honours its promise.

As Leader of the Opposition, I appreciate the time you have taken to write and bring your concerns to my attention.

Signed – Jean Chretien

Mr. Speaker, it is time the Prime Minister honoured his promise to the 1 million Canadians of Ukrainian descent.”

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