

## NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

### GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON WORLD-WIDE PROLIFERATION

**Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister who will know that there are at least two great dangers facing us from the nuclear arms race. One is the spread of nuclear weapons around the globe, and the other is technical advances in these weapons which make limitation and verification virtually impossible.

In light of the Prime Minister's efforts to promote non-proliferation, can the Deputy Prime Minister tell us if the Government is now fully committed to efforts to end both horizontal and vertical proliferation of nuclear weapons? What new steps is Canada prepared to take to end such proliferation?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member should be convinced that the Prime Minister is presently making a major effort to bring about the very objective which she is seeking in her question today. As I stated in my reply yesterday to a similar question, there does not seem to be a shortage of good arms control proposals. There seems to be a shortage of an ability of willingness to come to an agreement.

It has been the view of this Government that the principal reason for that stalemate, or situation, is the worsened East-West relations. If we can improve the state of that relationship then there may be a possibility for countries to look at arms proposals in a different light.

I do not, for a moment, depreciate the importance of specific proposals, but I do not think that is the real deficiency presently in the international climate. There are lots of good proposals around but, strangely enough, despite their merit, they are not being implemented. We have to ask ourselves why is that.

### REQUEST FOR HALT TO CRUISE MISSILE TESTING

**Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, since the Prime Minister himself has said that he is pursuing efforts to create a greater degree of non-proliferation, I am assuming both horizontal and vertical, will the Deputy Prime Minister not now, on behalf of the Government, consider very seriously ending Canada's participation in the production and testing of the Cruise missile, since the Cruise missile itself will lead to both vertical and possibly horizontal proliferation? If he will not do so, will he then at least allow us to have a free vote on the subject?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I think the question of the Cruise missile has been debated very extensively, not only in the House but in the country. I, and other representatives of the Government, have given the explanations for that policy. Happily, it is supported by most

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Members of the House of Commons. In this case the NDP finds itself in the minority because it does not share what I consider to be the larger consensus in the House in support of the Government's policy.

**Miss Jewett:** That was a vote of confidence, and the Deputy Prime Minister knows it. We believe that what is lacking is the legitimacy of the Government's position because it does not have House of Commons support.

### REQUEST FOR DEBATE AND FREE VOTE

**Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I repeat and add to my question. In the Speech from the Throne that will be coming before us soon, will the Deputy Prime Minister consider bringing forward a commitment at least to try, if he wishes, to give legitimacy to what the Liberals, and apparently many Tories, want, by allowing a full debate in the House, followed by a genuinely free vote?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is somehow attempting to cast aspersions on the votes which Members of Parliament cast in the House in the course of their duties. I do not cast any aspersions on these votes. I think they stem from the convictions of Members, and I do not share the Hon. Member's cynical outlook. I think she wants more to liberate herself from the situation rather than to liberate Members of Parliament from party policy and party principles.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

### PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA, DR. HARRY JENKINS, AND WIFE

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** May I call to the attention of the House the presence in our gallery of distinguished visitors, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia, Dr. Harry, Jenkins, and Mrs. Jenkins.

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

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## LABOUR CONDITIONS

### EFFECT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ON FAMILY LIFE

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. It concerns a survey that was released on Sunday by the Family Service Association of America. It shows that unemployment has become the greatest threat to family stability in Canada and the United States. It points out that agencies surveyed say that unemployment and the related