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destroy completely—annihilate—the other side and the Cruise missile is in no way necessary to maintain the balance of power and deterrence.

In my opinion the development of the Cruise missile will only escalate the nuclear arms race, set back disarmament discussions, and divert scarce resources from more essential needs.

I argued this position at the Liberal convention last autumn and in many other meetings and writings. There is nothing in the NATO agreements which requires Canada to use or test nuclear weapons. We have been a member of NATO since the beginning and have never done so. Furthermore, Canadian Governments for some time have been committed to arms control and disarmament. If we agree to test the Cruise, we would run contrary to these policies. I want to urge the Government to consider seriously all factors and arguments before agreeing to the Cruise tests. There are many other ways in which Canada can contribute to the NATO alliance and help maintain world peace.

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THE PAPACY

POPE'S VISIT TO POLAND

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, today His Holiness Pope John Paul II begins his second pilgrimage to Poland in four years. The excitement of the new freedom recognized under the Solidarity trade union that surrounded his last visit is, however, regrettably absent.

In June of 1979 the Poles could justifiably anticipate a nation without restrictions, but today their prayers are for the most basic freedoms.

The Pope's presence in Poland at this time has an important symbolic message. This Christian ambassador is pressing for the end of martial law, and amnesty for political prisoners. The military government under General Jaruzelski, however, has permitted the visit only to gain points in the West, and to stifle further dissent at home. Yesterday the home of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was raided by the Polish authorities and he was placed under house arrest. Preventing Walesa from seeing the Pope may be General Jaruzelski's only means of asserting his authority over discontented Poles, but this action will leave a lasting impression on the West.

We, as Canadians, deplore the disregard for human rights that has been demonstrated in Poland since 1979. We are inspired, nevertheless, by the Pontiff's leadership and courage in returning to his troubled homeland. We pray that his visit will underline our hope for the return of a free political system in Poland.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

LABOUR RELATIONS

WEST COAST GRAIN HANDLERS' DISPUTE

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Madam Speaker, a possible work stoppage on the West Coast caused by the dispute between the grain handlers and grain companies would hurt many more people than the workers directly involved. It could penalize grain producers by disruption in cash flow, and cause possible losses in grain sales. The railway workers and longshoremen would also be penalized because they could be laid off if movement of grain stops. The least penalized by a work stoppage are among the main antagonists, namely, the grain companies. The grain companies are not penalized because they go on collecting storage charges even while grain is not moving. Across the country last year they collected about \$500,000 a week in terminal charges alone.

The Government has a responsibility to do everything in its power to keep grain moving. We thank it for appointing a mediator, William Kelly. To minimize the possibility of long and costly work stoppages the Government should take some action to equalize the penalties that stoppages cause. The Government should stop the payment of storage charges to grain companies which are partially responsible for a dispute. Such action would put both antagonists on an equal footing and no doubt reduce losses for everyone from prolonged work stoppages.

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NATIONAL PARKS

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF SAGUENAY PARK

Mr. Marcel Dionne (Chicoutimi): Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Parks Canada on acquiring the Mingan Islands and thus demonstrating that it is preserving exceptional natural sites for future generations. Perhaps I may point out to the House that the Saguenay Park site in my riding has also been judged worthy of preservation by Parks Canada. The Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has announced that the Canadian Government is prepared to spend \$50 million to develop Saguenay Park. Since Quebec has refused to divest itself of the land, the development of Saguenay Park by Parks Canada, which would cost \$50 million, is still pending. Meanwhile, the Government of Quebec has decided to invest in the development of a conservation park on part of the land. Premier Lévesque made much of the national pride of the people of the Saguenay, but the fact remains that a \$50 million investment would help reduce unemployment and attract more tourists, which in turn would inject more money into the regional economy. The Saguenay region has no substantial infrastructure for tourism. Saguenay Park, with its majestic fiord, would be one of the major tourist attractions of Canada, thus making the people of the Saguenay even prouder of their region.