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NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

CALL FOR SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN LEADERS

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, on March 16 I said the following in the House:

This fear and anxiety of nuclear annihilation comes not from delivery systems but from nuclear warheads which have multiplied unchecked in an almost crazy, insane, mad progression which must be checked and reversed. The task is to do away with nuclear warheads and their deployment. Summit level meetings are vital and mandatory.

The recent announcement by General Secretary Andropov to base negotiations on warheads rather than just missiles is an encouraging development.

On November 17 and again on November 24, 1982, I moved motions in the House calling for unanimous support for a summit meeting within 18 months between President Reagan and General Secretary Andropov to strengthen nuclear detente and initiate the process for nuclear arms stabilization and eventual reduction. Twice the House would not give its unanimous consent. I hope it has changed its mind.

Since then Canadians were pleased to know that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) pleaded with President Reagan to hold a summit meeting. Everyone in the House should also plead and support unanimously the need for such a summit meeting. I hope the Government will put forth such a motion. I am prepared to circulate a petition for signature by all Hon. Members and Senators, supporting a summit meeting.

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OPPOSITION TO CRUISE MISSILE TESTING

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), afraid to debate in the House of Commons the Cruise missile issue, has said in a planted letter to newspapers that Canadians who oppose Cruise missile tests are anti-American. Does the Prime Minister not know that the American people themselves are increasingly opposed to the continuation of the nuclear arms madness, that the House of Representatives has just passed, 278 to 149, a resolution calling for a mutual, verifiable nuclear freeze? Canadians who oppose the further escalation of the nuclear arms race and Canada's participation in it by testing the Cruise, do so in concert with the majority of Americans. Are the majority of Americans anti-American?

The Prime Minister says we must test nuclear weapons as payment for the American defence umbrella. Yet the Reagan strategy for a massive nuclear arms build-up, space based weapons, and winnable nuclear war, and the inevitable Soviet countering moves, is no umbrella. It is the shadowy Horsemen of the Apocalypse that Americans themselves are rejecting.

It is the Prime Minister, not Canadians, who is being hypocritical on this issue, saying that Cruise missile testing

will not be agreed to until progress has been measured at the Geneva talks, when we all know that he has given assurances to the Reagan administration that testing will go ahead. Or is this planted letter an attempt to soften up Canadians for Canada's next leap in the nuclear arms race?

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[Translation]

CANADA POST CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF GILLES VILLENEUVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Lotbinière): Madam Speaker, today it is exactly one year and two days since the tragic death of Gilles Villeneuve, the Formula I automobile racer. He was a great Canadian and French Canadian who put his area, the Province of Quebec and Canada on the map in this field. Gilles Villeneuve was practically the first Canadian to become world famous in this sport. Much has been said since then, and this weekend, articles in the press commemorated this tragic event. Many people and organizations talked about honouring the memory of this famous figure who made a name for Canada abroad. I wonder, Madam Speaker, whether the Minister responsible for the Canada Post Corporation would be willing to issue a stamp commemorating Gilles Villeneuve as a great Canadian who became world famous and also helped to illustrate the values of French Canadians and gained recognition for automobile racing, a sport that did not have a large following here in Canada and that is now far better known, thanks to Gilles Villeneuve.

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[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

PLIGHT OF COMMUNITIES DENIED ILAP DESIGNATION

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Lumley) admitted that the ILAP program was finished as far as new applications were concerned. The Midland-Penetanguishene ILAP Committee spent thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours in preparing its application for designation under the Program. It has been waiting patiently for more than three months for a decision on its application, and the Minister has now decided that its application is worthless.

The people of the area need help because the unemployment rate is 33 per cent. They do not need more Liberal promises that another program is on the way which will solve all their problems. Stalling solves no problems; it creates problems. We on this side of the House urge the Liberal Government to show some concern for the communities of Canada such as Midland-Penetanguishene, and immediately move to bring in its industrial and regional expansion program.