

depressed state of mining solely on world conditions completely ignores the effects of the federal Government's anti-investment policies and regressive tax measures, such as the proposal to tax the imputed rent of mining company employees, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson):

That this House censure the Minister of State for Mines for her callous disregard of the effects of her Government's retrograde tax measures and anti-investment policies upon the Canadian mining industry.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

CHURCHES' POSITION ON CRUISE MISSILE TESTING

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Yesterday the leaders of the major Christian Churches in Canada met with the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to ask him, on behalf of millions of Church members, to refuse Cruise missile testing in Canada and the production of components of nuclear weapons in Canada. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-St. James (Mr. Keeper):

That the Prime Minister now publicly respond to the request of millions of Canadians that the Church leaders presented to him yesterday.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

DEMAND THAT CRUISE MISSILE TESTING PLANS BE ABANDONED

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas Canadians voted overwhelmingly for balanced nuclear disarmament during referenda held coast-to-coast last month, and whereas citizens in the Vancouver Island communities of Port Alberni and Nanaimo voted 79 per cent and 82 per cent respectively in support of such resolutions, while students at Nanaimo's Malaspina College asked that their campus be declared a nuclear-free zone, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That Parliament instruct the Government to abandon its plan to test the Cruise missile over Canadian soil and that the Government redirect its foreign policy toward policies that will promote international peace, and that Canada be declared a nuclear-free zone as well.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Oral Questions

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

CITIZENSHIP COURTS

REPORTED ALLEGATIONS BY MINISTER AGAINST JUDGES

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. The Minister of Labour has made very serious allegations against the Court of Canadian Citizenship. The Minister has alleged, among other things, that judges are expected to turn down a number of applicants as criteria for good performance, that there are clashes between the French and English speaking judges, and that there is a deliberate effort made to keep applicants from one ethnic group from being interviewed by a judge who comes from that same group. Does the Prime Minister agree that such allegations attack the integrity of the Court of Canadian Citizenship, and will he conduct a full investigation into the very serious allegations of the Minister of Labour?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I had not heard of these allegations, but I will take notice of the question, and look into the matter, as the Hon. Member suggests.

Mr. Lawrence: We knew we could count on you.

ALLEGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATION OF RULES

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Is that while the Prime Minister is looking into the issue I raised yesterday?

Will the Prime Minister also look into the allegations of the Minister of Labour that there are rules and regulations currently being applied which do not bear any resemblance to the citizenship legislation? Will he ensure that political pressure by Members of the Liberal Party is not being brought to bear on the everyday operation of the Citizenship Courts and the judges who, as I pointed out yesterday, are being used by his Party on one hand and, on the other hand, are being attacked by a Member of his Cabinet?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, that hardly seems like a supplementary question, having looked into the matter raised by the Hon. Member yesterday, and I would not want to give the detailed response which could be given by the Minister today in the House.