

Canadian people about key issues concerning defence and arms control.

My colleague opposite, the Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish) mentioned in his speech of March 30, 1983, that the main objective to be met by Bill C-678 then under consideration was to, and I quote: "... declare Canada a nuclear weapons free zone. That would prevent the testing of the Cruise missile over Canadian territory. The Bill would go on from there to do a number of other things. This Bill would prevent the manufacture, use, importation and export of any nuclear weapons or weaponry on or over Canadian territory."

The Hon. Member for the Battlefords-Meadow Lake also said: "... the Bill puts forward the will of this Parliament and country for the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) to go to the United Nations and present a resolution calling for the United Nations to conduct a world referendum on nuclear disarmament." The information I have just given to the House is an answer to this second proposal, which is contained in Clause 4 of Bill C-203 now under consideration, and for all the above stated reasons, I believe that the position taken by Canada not to support the concept of a world referendum on disarmament is very logical.

[English]

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have some comments on the speeches which have been made so far in this debate on the Bill introduced by my colleague, the Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish). I would like first to make a few comments on the speech which was just given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mrs. Beauchamp-Niquet). I gather she read most of the speech which was written by her Department.

I would like to talk about Canadian foreign policy in a broad way. It seems to me there are two glaring inconsistencies in the policy of the Liberal Government. First, the Government agreed to test the Cruise missile, which was a step toward putting that clock of which my colleaguespoke toward midnight, toward doomsday. Make no mistake about it, a nuclear war will mean the end of the world. That is it for all time. The Canadian Government agreed to test the Cruise missile to increase the arms race, to be part and parcel of the warmongering policy of the President of the United States, who is a good actor but essentially a warmonger who believes in the use of force above the use of diplomacy, and who will ultimately force the two superpowers, if he continues on in the way he is going, into a nuclear confrontation.

People are not stupid. The average person on the street feels in his or her bones that we are moving toward that doomsday. That is why people are afraid. But the Canadian Government agreed to test the Cruise missile. That was a decision of the Cabinet and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) against, I might add, Mr. Speaker, what appeared to be the feelings of the Canadian public. The Prime Minister then underwent a

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metamorphosis. He changed colours and he travelled the world for peace. That is hypocrisy and a great inconsistency. If he wants to be serious about peace, Bill C-203 would complement the efforts of a peace-seeking policy. Perhaps it is not too late. Perhaps the Government will consider going on the road to peace when it sees the kind of support the Prime Minister is receiving for his policy in the country.

I was in a march in New York with a million people. I was in a march in Vancouver with 40,000 people, actually two marches. I have seen all these polls. I could feel, over the holidays in Vancouver, the kind of thawing of that block of ice which is normally reserved for the Prime Minister and his Party in western Canada because of his peace initiative. Therefore, the second point I would like to make to the Parliamentary Secretary is, do not dismiss the notion of a world referendum on disarmament. It comes, you know, from Canada. It was proposed by a Canadian group. It has had a lot of popularity in the cities and towns of Canada. Persons on city councils who are right wing would say, "Oh, do not put that on the ballot. It is ridiculous." However, council after council did put it on the ballot and supported it. The Hon. Member referred to my city council in Vancouver, and there are other city councils, for example in Ottawa, where there has been support for this. However, the federal Government has just dismissed that out of hand. I say to Government, do not dismiss it. Take the road for peace not the road in the other direction.

I would like to make some comments as well, Mr. Speaker, on the remarks of my old friend, the Hon. Member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre). It is appropriate in 1984 that he gave the kind of speech he did. It is the first speech I have heard from him in 1984. In George Orwell's book, *1984*, he talks about "doublespeak", giving words different meanings. It is like Ronald Reagan speaking of "missiles for peace", calling a missile by a name which means peace. That is doublespeak. That is what we heard in the speech from the Hon. Member for Calgary Centre, which was a very dangerous speech, it seems to me, because he was using the argument that we need more arms for peace. That is really inconsistent. The Hon. Member was nit-picking when he said we cannot enforce a law with reference to this Bill; we already have Soviet submarines cruising under the Arctic ice, so, therefore, we should not have one. By that logic we could forget about our 200-mile limit or any notion of territorial sovereignty because we are not stopping the submarines. Why, then, have a 200-mile limit law? It seems to me that it is illogical to argue that. The Hon. Member should let the Bill go to committee where we could meet these arguments.

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The Hon. Member said that Canada is where it is and that we cannot move Canada; that is true. It seems to me all the more reason to take the road to peace and take peaceful steps, even though they are small. What did the great Chinese helmsman, Chairman Mao say? He said that in a journey of 1,000 miles you have to take the first step. It could be 1,000