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ANIMAL WELFARE**PET FOOD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Mr. A. H. Harry Brightwell (Perth): Mr. Speaker, at this, the beginning of Animal Health Week, I wish to highlight a very special achievement to Members of the House. The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association has established a pet food certification program to certify pet foods in Canada. This voluntary program requires that manufacturers demonstrate their ability consistently to produce pet foods that meet an animal's nutritional requirements at all stages of life as established by both chemical analysis and feeding trials. The subsequent production of certified foods is monitored continuously to ensure product meets the standards established by the Veterinary Association.

The program is unique in the world. The small fee paid for the service generates significant moneys applied only to research for animals. Already half of all pet foods sold in Canada bear the seal of certification.

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The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association has provided a standard for the multimillion dollar pet food industry. This is a remarkable achievement.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**LIBYA-UNITED STATES RELATIONS**

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, can terrorism be dealt with by moving a United States fleet into Libyan waters? Can Khadafy be isolated from the Arab world by way of an attack on him? With its latest move in the Mediterranean Sea, is the U.S. not encouraging further retaliation by terrorists? Is the threat to Lybia not going to enhance Khadafy's stand in the Arab world? The Lybia-U.S. confrontation in the Mediterranean poses a threat to peace in the world today. In addition, terrorism will hardly be eradicated by a U.S. attack on Lybia. There are more subtle ways to check terrorism.

Canadians would support the Government of Canada if it would speak frankly and openly in Washington about the danger to all in the escalation of the U.S. military threat off the coast of Lybia, if it would renew efforts at the U.N., as is our tradition, aimed at dealing more effectively with international terrorism, and if it would urge an end to gunboat diplomacy.

NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS**USE OF NANOOSE TEST RANGE BY U.S. NAVY SUBMARINES**

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, last week the Canadian Navy fired four dummy torpedoes off the coast of Vancouver Island. Unfortunately the sensing devices failed to track properly and one of the four torpedoes was lost. The Navy had to post a \$200 reward for the finder, dead or alive! It would be laughable if it were not so dangerous.

While officials tried to play down the incident, these failures of technology remind us of the potential danger from the presence of nuclear armed American submarines sharing the Nanoose Test Range.

Freedom of Information has forced the U.S. Navy to admit to 630 incidents or accidents involving nuclear weapons between 1965 and 1985. If we continue to let American nuclear submarines use our waters with no questions asked, we are the "dummies" in a very dangerous game.

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AGRICULTURE**GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO ASSIST FARMERS**

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Selkirk-Interlake): Mr. Speaker, farmers throughout western Canada are uneasy this spring. Not only are they having to fight their age-old battle with the weather, but this year they will have to contend with a drop in the initial price for wheat of some 19 per cent because of the total international situation.

The Opposition and the news media say that the Government has turned its back on farmers. University professors, lawyers, economists, and drugstore cowboys in the front benches of the Opposition are trying to tell those of us in the Government who are farmers that we do not understand the needs of farmers. Shame! It is the professors, the lawyers, and the economists who in the past put thousands of farmers into bankruptcy. They should be happy to remain silent now.

Our recent Budget cut the deficit, but not on the backs of the farmers. Western Grain Stabilization payments, capital gains tax exemptions, special drought assistance programs, fuel tax rebates—and the list goes on. We have delivered over \$4.5 billion in more than 180 agricultural initiatives for farmers.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.