

There is only one Macedonia and that Macedonia is Greek. Skopje's insistence to include the word Macedonia in its name can only lead to instability and uncertainty and a point of friction for the whole Balkan area. At some point it could become very dangerous.

Skopjans should take an official stand on the issue and propose a new name for their state which does not include the name Macedonia.

In point of fact, the inclusion of the name Macedonia in the country of Skopje only traces back to the Second World War. Before then it was known as Santzakio Skopje and after the First World War as the province of Vardari.

Therefore, I call upon the government to hold back any recognition of Skopje until that country decrees that it will not use the name Macedonia.

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NUCLEAR TESTING

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Madam Speaker, I find it rather sad and interesting that the Secretary of State for External Affairs remains strangely silent after the Chinese government detonated a 1,000 kiloton nuclear bomb underground yesterday.

The sheer magnitude of the blast, the largest underground nuclear test ever conducted by the Chinese, is totally inappropriate in 1992.

This morning, I contacted the Chinese Ambassador and asked why China feels it is still necessary to prepare for war at a time when the risk of external threat has been reduced to its lowest point in 50 years. The Ambassador explained to me and I quote: "China is in favour of a complete prohibition of nuclear testing and the thorough destruction of all nuclear weapons".

The problem, the Ambassador explains, is that the other established nuclear powers also continue to test their weapons underground.

That is why it does not matter which country is toying with nuclear might. Canada must condemn all nuclear testing once and for all.

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TRIBUTE TO PATRICK POULIN

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec—Est): Madam Speaker, today I want to pay tribute to a young hockey player from my riding, Patrick Poulin, of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. He has been a stand-out performer on the St. Hyacinthe Lasers and earned attention from the Hartford Whalers professional team.

That is why Patrick Poulin was duly recognized for his outstanding potential at the 10th anniversary Vanier Quebec sports and cultural gala, chaired by the likable Guy Lafleur, a well-known figure from professional hockey. During this ceremony, I was proud to note once again the tremendous potential of tomorrow's generation.

As members of this House, we must continue to recognize the determination and talent shown by our young people.

Therefore I am pleased to belong to a government that believes in today's youth and gives them all they need to develop fully. In that way, our society will be privileged to have among it other young people of the same calibre as Patrick Poulin.

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GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Madam Speaker, the government members have been going into a feeding frenzy over some tongue-in-cheek remarks of mine that were reported in the *Hamilton Spectator* a few weeks ago.

If they had read the article with more care, they would have noted that I said these comments were not New Democratic policy. They never have been and they never will be.

I spent much more of my time in Hamilton speaking on the serious topic of unemployment and the thousands of people who must apply for welfare for the first time in their lives as their UI benefits are either delayed or exhausted.