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it is only a unilateral start. At the same time he has not taken any action with regard to Canada's arms and the promise that was made to the Canadian people by the Liberal party in 1963.

What about Canada's prestige abroad? That is something which disturbed the minister several years ago. It is disturbing me very seriously at this time, because what confidence are our allies going to have in us, and what confidence will the United States have in us. The minister and his supporters, particularly the Minister of National Defence, told the Canadian people that immediately they were put in office they would have nuclear missiles for the weapons systems in Canada. Almost two years have elapsed and there are no nuclear weapons for the Voodoo aircraft. The greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the Canadian people was this defence issue, when we were all told stories about how we were to be protected. We have the Bomarc armed and ready to fire, and the Voodoos will come in and strike down the attacking aircraft so that Montreal and Toronto, which were unprotected cities, will be protected. Nothing has been done during those two years in this regard.

What about the confidence of the United States in this government which promised it would immediately arm these Voodoo aircraft with nuclear missiles? What about our NATO allies in Europe?

This government has told us that it has made a commitment to provide nuclear weapons for our air division in Europe. The only answer I have been able to obtain from the Minister of National Defence, when I asked him about these nuclear missiles for our air division, is that our air division is operative. What does that mean? It means they can fly, and we have known that for a long time. One quarter of that air division is armed with photographic equipment, and the Minister of National Defence has told me that they are weapons.

What about Canada's prestige with our NATO allies, in view of the fact we are not living up to our promises? That famous speech the minister made on May 22 is going to be recorded as a historic document, as important as the British North America Act. The minister criticized NATO at that time and said we should tell each other what we are doing, and then he used these words:

I am afraid that that is now the situation. If we fail to do so, mistrust sets in and we lose sight of the fundamental reasons which keep us together and we become obsessed by our differences.

This government must live up to its promises with regard to NATO. Therefore, using the minister's own words, if we do not live up to our promises, mistrust will set in.

I have asked the minister on several occasions about those promises to negotiate us out of our nuclear arms situation. The leader of the New Democratic party has asked him similar questions. His answers to both of us were: "Refer to my earlier answer". And his earlier answer was, "I will take your question as notice". He has had that question now as notice for about three months. I point out some of these things to some of my colleagues in this house who have not seen the real man behind this mask. They think he is a kindly gentleman. I am putting them on their guard for the future.

The third matter with which I wish to deal is also a serious matter. Why did the minister not tell us today about the situation in Malaysia? I was able to drag out of him over a considerable period of time, the fact that a military team from Canada was going to Malaysia to investigate the situation. Why did the minister not give us a report of that investigation tonight? Is that team there or has it returned?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): The team has been in Malaysia. When it has returned and made its report my hon. friend will be the first to get it.

Mr. Churchill: The minister says I will be the first to get it. I want hon. members to mark those words.

An hon. Member: After the newspapers.

Mr. Churchill: Yes, after the hon. member for Red Deer has been consulted I might be the first one to get it.

I ask the minister whether this is one of the serious trouble spots of the world, and if it is, why are we not told about it? We know what has happened during this century with these troubles starting up here and there in obscure places in the world, and then flaring up into great conflicts. What is the situation in Malaysia? What troops are operating there? Who is giving aid to Malaysia? What aid, if any, are we going to give? What is the strength of Indonesia?

Mr. Nesbitt: We know who is giving aid there.

Mr. Churchill: We know who is giving aid there. How great a threat is Indonesia to the peace of the world? We are dependant upon reports in the newspapers. The government