

farmers were harmed by the Thunder Bay and Vancouver port closures last year and the rail strike a short time ago.

My point is that we in Canada have to find a better way of dealing with breakdowns in the collective bargaining process. We live in a tremendously sophisticated society. We can put men into space, we can transplant human organs, and we can transmit information world-wide in the twinkle of an eye. Yet, when labour and management fail to agree, we find ourselves back in the stone ages with primitive blunt instruments—lock-outs and strikes—which ultimately penalize all Canadians. Surely there are viable alternatives.

Once again I urge the establishment of a parliamentary committee to examine the whole area of labour relations with a view to finding a way to resolving these impasses without resorting to rocks and clubs.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

#### CRUISE MISSILE TESTING—REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I have always believed in honouring the Cruise missile commitment made by the Government of Canada to the United States and to our other allies, and we have honoured that commitment. I have always believed in honouring the commitments that previous Governments made.

As I said in my speech to the House of Commons when the issue was debated on March 6, we should test the Cruise missile until such time as there are concrete results in the negotiations between the two super powers on intermediate range nuclear weapons.

There have been concrete results, much to the relief of the world, and I say the time has arrived to move forward in the world search for peace and for Canada to suspend Cruise missile testing in Canada.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** My question is a simple one. Does the Secretary of State for External Affairs agree with that statement?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I guess we are being exposed to another part of the rehabilitation program of the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

### Oral Questions

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Take the high road, Joe.

**Mr. Foster:** Don't let your 23 per cent go to your head, Joe.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**—with dramatic little announcements being made without regard to the cost to the country or the cost to the alliances of which we are part. There has been progress made, very important progress, on arms control. It is not yet complete. Indeed, the agreement in principle has not yet been completed in detail with regard to the INF agreement.

One of the reasons we were able to get the Soviets to the table was that they knew it was not going to be possible to split the alliance. It is important, in our judgment, that commitments made by the alliance be kept by the alliance if we want to continue to make progress on arms control, and we are more interested in progress in arms control than we are in dramatic statements made for effect at home.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** I don't think Canadians are going to appreciate the tone of that reply, and I am not going to reply in kind because I am not going to play politics on the floor of the House of Commons.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** I am more interested in the peace of the world.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State may care to use world peace to put on a little performance here in the House, but Canadians don't appreciate that.

#### REQUEST THAT CANADA REVIEW CRUISE MISSILE TESTING ON OWN TERRITORY

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, there is no reason for renewing the agreement on Cruise missile testing if the two superpowers ratify a treaty prohibiting intermediate nuclear arms. Nor is there any reason to test the Cruise missile this winter, since the superpowers have expressed their intention of signing such a treaty. Perhaps the Minister doesn't realize it, but the world is changing, and Canada's foreign policy must evolve accordingly.

Will the Minister persuade or ask the Prime Minister to persuade the Americans not to ask Canada's permission to test the Cruise missile this winter?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as far as the Leader of the Opposition and I are concerned, our actions are self-explanatory.

As for the question, the suggestion made by the Liberal Party as another attempt to get publicity here in Canada, the suggestion that Canada should now renege on commitments