

thousands of jobs to the people of Canada. Yesterday was the first occasion that we had in the committee to have the Minister for International Trade appear before us. He arrived with two deputies and 12 staff members.

A government member asked the Minister a question: "Could the Minister inform this committee how many new jobs have been created by the Free Trade Agreement?" The Minister could not provide one job or could not provide one investment to his own back-bencher. Later I asked the Minister the same question: "How many jobs were provided by the Free Trade Agreement?" He could not provide one or one company investment.

I want it on the record that the Government has admitted that while tens of thousands of jobs have been lost by the agreement, they have not record of one job being created by the Free Trade Agreement.

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NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, several months ago over 8,000 students across Canada entered a national chess competition to help raise money for projects in the Third World. Each participant donated \$5 to build a sewer system in Liberia, helping children there to overcome disease.

Last weekend in Ottawa, the winners from each province played off and national champions were declared: Grade 1—Lefong Hua of St. Laurent, Québec; Grade 2—Victor Chernoff of Montreal, Québec; Grade 3—Laurent Gascon of Montreal, Québec; Grade 4—Anthony Castillo of Longueuil, Québec; Grade 5—Daniel Williams of Burlington, Ontario; Grade 6—Nicholas Soudre of Montreal, Québec; Grade 7—Alexandre Marcil, Longueuil, Québec; Grade 8—Martin Glass of Montreal, Québec; Grade 9—Adam Littke of Toronto, Ontario; Grade 10, Leonard Morrissey of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland; Grade 11—Nicolas Arsenault of Montreal, Québec; and Grade 12—Jonathan MacDonald of Saint John, New Brunswick.

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The Calgary Flames won the hockey game, but the Québec team are chess champions.

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NATO

NUCLEAR MISSILES—PROMOTION OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, NATO is presently undergoing a serious internal dispute about the United States Government's desire to introduce a new generation of tactical nuclear missiles to be stationed in West Germany. Canada's membership in NATO is valued, in part, for the opportunity it affords in the promotion of arms control and disarmament.

The Conservative Government should therefore be more active in this dispute by promoting possible NATO alternatives that could include: first, tying the modernization of these nuclear missiles with talks on substantial reductions in the Soviet Union's short-range nuclear arsenal and/or reductions in Warsaw Pact conventional forces; second, adopting a build-down strategy by phasing out other tactical nuclear weapons and only retaining modernized nuclear missiles; and third, substituting the modernization of these missiles with the introduction of non-nuclear smart technology weapons.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) should present these positions during the upcoming NATO meeting and thereafter inform this House about the outcome of any Canadian initiative.

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MULTICULTURALISM

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF ARMENIA

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, May 28 is the seventy-first anniversary of the independence of Armenia as declared in 1918.

Armenia has suffered a history of racially motivated genocide, betrayal, persecution, and terrorism. The dream of the Armenian people, however, has not been crushed and their struggle for recognition and independence continues.

The ideals of the Armenian people—freedom, democracy, and independence—are upheld by their descendants in Canada and around the world.