

U.S. nuclear devices or their delivery systems. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

The Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona will present more petitions when he gets back.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member can deal only with his own.

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SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. JACK BURGHARDT AND
SECONDED BY MR. GASTON GOURDE

The House proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. Jack Burghardt (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to thank the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and members of the Cabinet for giving me the privilege of moving the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. It is an honour which I do not take lightly, but rather one which presents challenges, responsibility and also opportunity. It is an honour that I share with the residents of the riding of London West whom I represent in Parliament.

London West, Mr. Speaker, is the third largest riding in Canada in terms of population. The City of London itself, as the hub of southwestern Ontario, has offered much of the overall progress of our great country. In 1792 Colonel John Graves Simcoe chose its site as that of the future capital of Upper Canada. That did not happen, however, although the name London became attached to that particular area. Since 1854 London has been known as a manufacturing, distributing and financial centre, and today the city is home to nearly 400 highly diversified industries ranging from cereal products to diesel locomotives. London is also an ecclesiastical and education centre. The Anglican Diocese of Huron and the Roman Catholic Diocese of London have been located in the city since the 1800s. The University of Western Ontario, established in the late 1800s, now is regarded as one of Canada's leading educational centres. The city is also known throughout the world for its excellent health care facilities, and for research into and the carrying out of human organ transplant operations.

I could spend the entire afternoon talking about the virtues of the area I represent, Mr. Speaker, but suffice to say I deem it a great honour to have this brief opportunity of sharing with you a few of the reasons I can say with pride that the City of London, Ontario, has indeed contributed to the growth of our country. It will continue to do so in the future as our country further develops, for we are still a developing country with a great future ahead of us.

A very careful study of the thrusts of the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Speaker, would validate its worthiness. Indeed, the two underlying goals of peace and prosperity are especially

important at this crucial time in world history. Without peace there can be no real prosperity, and conversely, without the satisfaction and security which prosperity brings, peace is always in jeopardy. One might say, and truly so, that we need a sincere global partnership to produce peace and a national partnership to produce prosperity. But may I respectfully suggest to the House that both peace and prosperity need global inputs, the global stature that we must work to achieve for Canada and for Canadians.

Today the acceleration of global travel and global commerce mandate that we think in terms of the global nature, not in terms of isolation. The international pressure, the pushes and pulls on interest rates, on competitive prices and competition in general, are most vivid in the planning of every modern thinking person. There is a common saying that we must put our best brains to work on the problem, but may I suggest that before we do that our hearts must be in tune with a sincere love of our fellow man, a desire to share, in a fair, just and equitable manner, the talents and resources with which we have been blessed.

Any history student will tell you, Mr. Speaker, that war was started, peace was shattered, because of greed, a drive for selfish possession. Our hearts must be in synch before our minds can be put in drive. Simply, there is no other way. When such is not the case, emotions and hostility flourish and war results. Lasting prosperity, both national and international, is predicated on the same base of sharing and understanding.

It is very easy to become wealthy in the short run. It is wise to plan to be prosperous in the long run. True success is a careful, planned, upper-moving phenomenon and, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that is the planning we see in this Speech from the Throne.

There are five thrusts that indeed challenge all Canadians to accept our responsibilities to preserve the greatest freedom and well-being for all. A fresh approach to world peace, opportunities for growth, partnership for recovery, strengthening the safety net and pursuing our Canadian identity.

I would like to congratulate our Prime Minister for taking the bold step of trying to construct a global partnership for peace.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Burghardt: Editorial writers and opinion makers across the land generally applaud this courageous thrust. Just yesterday in a speech I heard, given as he received the McLuhan-Teleglobe Canada Award for excellence in contributing to world communications from His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Luis Ramiro Beltran of Bolivia said, and I quote:

Canada stands out today as a leading country in international affairs. The second largest nation on earth has the humility to opt for peace, the integrity to defend justice, and the wisdom to further co-operation!

In an insane world that spends more than one million dollars a minute on weapons while 800 million people barely have enough to eat, the voice of Canada can be heard crying out against the spectre of nuclear holocaust.