

Of course, Mexico is not happy about the increased fines and they and others claim that this is a violation of NAFTA. Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, but since when is a fine of illegal activities a violation of anything? Mexico violates our laws and they say we violate NAFTA?

Clearly, Mexican trucks should not be allowed into the U.S. and President Clinton was right in telling the teamsters that he will not open the borders to Mexican trucks come January 1. Well, that might be the first right move President Clinton has made regarding NAFTA. He can make another right move by starting the process of withdrawing from NAFTA altogether. Until then, the horrors of Mexican trucks will just be another in the long litany of NAFTA injustices to the United States of America and to its citizens.

PRESIDENT SHOULD NOT GRANT CLEMENCY FOR LEONARD PELTIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, the month of November has been designated Native American Heritage Month, a time in which to honor the positive contributions of our Nation's earlier inhabitants. I was disturbed to learn then that November has already been designated Leonard Peltier Freedom Month by a group pressing for his release from Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary.

Because of the publicity surrounding this case, we should all be familiar with its details: Leonard Peltier is serving two consecutive life sentences for the cold-blooded murder of two FBI agents on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1975. But it is important that we review the facts of the case separating them from the myths that have arisen over the years, especially as Peltier's supporters are petitioning the White House for clemency for this convicted killer.

On June 26, 1975, FBI Special Agents Ronald A. Williams and Jack R. Coler entered the Jumping Bull Compound of the Pine Ridge Reservation pursuing a man in connection with an assault on two young ranchers in nearby Manderson, South Dakota.

One of the three people in the vehicle the agents were pursuing was Leonard Peltier, a fugitive from justice wanted for the attempted murder of a police officer in Milwaukee. Peltier and his associates stopped their vehicle abruptly and opened fire on the two agents. Surprised, outmanned, and outgunned, Agents Williams and Coler were severely wounded in this barrage of gunfire. Agent Coler was hit in the right arm, the force of the bullet near-

ly tearing it off. He fell unconscious within moments. Agent Williams, although hit in the left shoulder and right foot, tore off his own shirt in the midst of this chaos and fashioned a tourniquet around his partner's arm.

Ambushed, the two agents lay helpless, completely at the mercy of their assailants. Peltier and the other two gunmen, though, would not be showing any mercy to these law enforcement officers that day. They walked down to where the two agents lay dying after this horrendous assault. Agent Williams, kneeling on the ground with his hand out as if to surrender was shot directly in the face. He died instantly. Peltier's group turned on the still unconscious Agent Coler. They shot them twice in the head with a shotgun at close range and both men died instantly.

An examination of the crime scene revealed that Agents Williams and Coler were only able to fire five shots in defense. Peltier and his men by contrast left more than 125 bullet holes in the agent's vehicles.

After these vicious murders, Peltier fled the reservation and was put on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List. Five months later, he was spotted hiding in an RV by a state trooper in Oregon. Peltier fired at the officer and fled once again. Investigators found Peltier's fingerprints on a bag underneath the RV's front seat. Inside the bag was Agent Coler's revolver, stolen from him in the bloodbath 5 months earlier.

Peltier escaped into Canada, where he was ultimately arrested by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Confirming beyond a doubt his cold-blooded mentality, he said that if he had known that the officers were about to arrest him, he would have "blown them out of their shoes."

Mr. Speaker, those are not the words of a candidate for clemency. Leonard Peltier's heinous crimes are not the actions of a candidate for clemency. Yet Peltier's supporters are confident that the President will pardon this murderer, pointing to his pardon of the FALN terrorists earlier this year.

These supporters would have us believe that Peltier is being held unjustly, that he was framed because he is Native American. They have politicized the case, bringing in liberal Hollywood actors who glorify Peltier and refer to the slain agents, Williams and Coler, as "faceless soldiers" sent by the government. They have elevated this thug, calling him a leader of his people, further dishonoring the law enforcement officers he killed and dishonoring Native American heritage as well.

Our legal system has ruled again and again that Leonard Peltier is a killer. The Supreme Court refused to review his case, and a parole board ruled in 1993 that Peltier be denied parole for the next 15 years. FBI Director Louis

Freeh is on record saying that "[t]here should be no commutation of his two life terms in prison."

In a recent letter to his supporters, Peltier makes reference to the "many years" of his life that have been "stolen." To this day, he remains oblivious to the fact that he stole many years of life from the two agents he killed. Jack Coler was 28, Ron Williams was 27 and a father of a 4-year-old son. They were at the beginning of what promised to be long and successful careers in law enforcement. They were cut down at the prime of their lives by a coward who has shown no remorse.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, I was also a FBI special agent and I am appalled that Leonard Peltier has chosen to exploit Native Americans for his own selfish purposes. This is not about ethnicity, it is about murder. It is about respect for the law and law enforcement officers.

I call on the President to see through the myth that has built up around Leonard Peltier and recognize that Peltier is trying to manipulate emotions and use political issues to gain an undeserved release. The President owes at least that much to the families of these slaughtered heroes.

ADVANCING THE INTERESTS OF AMERICAN FAMILY FARMERS IN WTO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening as cochair of the WTO Trade Caucus for Farmers and Ranchers to discuss the importance of the upcoming ministerial talks in Seattle and the next round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be joined by my cochair, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) who presented earlier on this very topic. We also have across our membership in the task force a bipartisan, bicameral group of more than 50 members who are committed to advancing the interests of family farmers in trade negotiations.

The agriculture economy is in dire straits. American farmers are reeling from the twin evils of production loss caused by natural disasters and price collapse caused by depressed export sales and strong global production.

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The crisis in agriculture demands a multifaceted response from Congress, ranging from emergency assistance, crop insurance reform, safety net reform, and expanding international trade. It is this last issue of expanding trade that I will discuss this evening.

Perhaps no sector of the American economy is any more dependent on