Mr. Speaker, I thank the

chairman and my colleague, the gentleman

from Illinois, for yielding time

to me.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen this movie

before: The Inter-Allied Control Commission

of inspectors were granted full

freedom of movement, all necessary facilities,

documents, and designs. Three

hundred thirty-seven weapons inspectors

were deployed in 11 districts.

They reported that they destroyed

33,384 cannons, 37,211,551 artillery

shells, 87,000 machine guns, and 920

tons of poison gas. In sum, they reported

97 percent of artillery and 98

percent of men under arms were rendered

ineffective.

These reports were not about Iraq,

they were about post World War I Germany,

and told us not to worry. When

the Commission finally started reporting

on German violations on inspections,

the leading French diplomat

wrote to President Wilson the following:

‘‘Elements in each of the nations of

the League will be quite naturally inclined

to deny reports disturbing to

their peace of mind and more or less

consciously espouse the cause of the

German government which will deny

the said reports. We must recall the opposition

of these elements at the time

when Germany armed to the teeth and

openly made ready the aggression of

1870 and 1914.

In the end, Germany rearmed under

the eyes of 300 international inspectors.

As evidence of violations mounted,

the international community lost

its nerve to impose the will of international

law.

This resolution offers the best hope

that Secretary Powell will get inspectors,

real inspectors, back to Iraq.