Mr. Speaker, the dictatorship

Government of North Korea is

a menace to world peace. It continues

to produce nuclear material, violating

its agreements. They want to use these

weapons to blackmail us for more assistance.

And in reports this week, it

looks like this rogue regime is using

the international drug trade to fund its

terrible activities. We cannot negotiate

with a regime like this.

In 1985, North Korea signed the Nuclear

Nonproliferation Treaty. Eighteen

months later it stalled in implementing

the treaty, demanding that we

remove nuclear weapons from South

Korea. As we negotiated, they made

nuclear weapons. In 1991, we withdrew

our weapons from South Korea. In 1996,

President Clinton tried to bargain

again, giving North Korea more assistance

to stop making nuclear weapons.

This time we should not be intimidated

into making concessions to a

rogue regime because they want to extract

more assistance. Kim Jong Il uses

whatever money he can get to terrorize

his people and threaten the security of

the entire region. China, Japan, Russia,

and South Korea all should make

an effort to contain this rogue dictator

and help put an end to his blackmail

games.