

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

under import restriction at all and, indeed, is not subsidized in Canada. However, if there is any skim milk powder coming in in large quantities, as might be suggested by the label of the product in the hon. member's hand, I will be prepared to look into the matter. I think he must remember, however, that there are three distinct categories of milk powder.

**Mr. Baldwin:** That sounds like a lot of bull.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****UNITED STATES DEPLOYMENT OF GLOBAL MISSILES—CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REACTION**

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** My question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the United States government informed the Canadian government of the deployment of global missiles with multiple re-entry warheads in North Dakota, close to the Canadian border? If so, what was the reaction of the Canadian government?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, there has been an official of the United States government in Canada within the last few days who has informed us about plans of the United States government but I do not think that this information goes further than ABM's. They have not asked for any reaction and we have not given any.

**Mr. Brewin:** In asking my supplementary question, I wish to advise the minister that I am referring to MIRV's, multiple independent re-entry vehicles. In view of the current discussion of a possible strategic arms limitation agreement, and the fact that the deployment of MIRV's constitutes a new and dangerous escalation of the arms race, does the government intend to make any representations to the United States government on this subject?

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, we have supported very strongly the strategic arms limitation talks that are taking place between the United States and the Soviet Union. We urge both sides to avoid deploying these missiles.

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS BY U.S.—FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING RESULTS OF LAST TEST**

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** A supplementary question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the government made any recent representations to the government of the United States concerning

[Mr. Olson.]

the proposed underground nuclear tests in the Aleutians? Is there anything to report to the House resulting from this possible dialogue?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, we are obtaining information regarding the results of the last test. We have been reviewing this information. It is my understanding that there is not likely to be a further underground test for approximately two years. We are considering first, whether, and second, when, we should make any further representations on this matter. I should clarify this point, Mr. Speaker. We are, of course, opposed to all forms of testing. The question that arises is whether there is any particular danger arising to Canada as a result of this particular kind of testing.

[Later:]

**Mr. Rose:** I have a supplementary to the previous exchange concerning the Aleutian nuclear tests. I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if Canada has initiated any independent investigation regarding the data or are we depending upon foreign or American information regarding the possible dangers of these tests?

**Mr. Sharp:** The hon. member may recall that when the first test was made we had our own experts examine the possibilities of damage to Canada arising out of peculiar circumstances. It was on the basis of those findings that we made our representations to the United States. We would do exactly the same again.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL****CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES RESPECTING NEW BRIDGE—PAYMENT OF COST OF APPROACHES**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I wish to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion whether he or the National Capital Commission have secured the approval of the appropriate civic authorities in Ottawa with regard to the proposed new bridge across the Ottawa River?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, there have been several discussions between the municipal authorities and those of Ontario. The final decision remains clearly with the federal government since it is assuming the total cost of building the bridge.