

indefinitely, and one other has decided to depart next week. This accounts for all Canadians known to be in the Kiev region. Mr. Cowan, whose efforts have been so effective throughout this emergency, is returning to Canada today for debriefing and medical tests.

As a general precaution, Health and Welfare Canada recommends that Canadians in eastern and south-eastern Europe should continue to wash fruit and leafy vegetables for another 10 days and should avoid consuming local fresh milk or fresh milk products for the next 60 days.

The Government once again extends its sincere condolences to the Soviet people who have lost relatives and have been forced to leave their homes. In addition, Canada has offered whatever technical assistance might be useful to Soviet authorities. It is deeply regretted, however, that Soviet authorities have not to date provided Canada and other countries with the data which is required to make an assessment of the radiation hazard to our own countries and citizens. Canada will continue to press the Soviet authorities in this regard.