

HEALTH

HUMAN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS—PLEA FOR DONATION OF LIVER

Mr. Jack Burghardt (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, major advances in medicine have been made which have allowed lives to be saved by means by human organ transplants. As Members of this House are no doubt aware, there is right now a young boy, eight-month old Eric Middleton from Amherstburg, Ontario, who is in the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis awaiting a liver transplant which could save his life. Thus far, doctors have been unable to locate a donor for this young child. I would like to make an urgent appeal to all Canadians to be aware of the desperate need for a liver for this young child, who will not live more than one month without a transplant.

While there is a tragic race for life of immediate importance to Eric Middleton, there are many other individuals in need of organ transplants of various kinds. There is an obvious lack of awareness on the part of the public, and the medical profession to some extent, of the importance and desperate need for organ donors. A task force has been set up in Ontario to address this problem. I suggest that the federal Government should mount a national public awareness campaign to inform people of the urgent need for organ donors. It is a tragedy when a healthy organ is buried that could have saved a life.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EMERGENCY MEASURES

CIVIL DEFENCE PLANNING TO MEET NUCLEAR WAR CONDITIONS

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Mr. Speaker, Emergency Planning Canada seems to have caught the civil defence bug from south of the border. Not to be outdone by the \$4.3 billion civil defence program put together by the Reagan administration, Canadian emergency planners want their own multimillion dollar program of nuclear fallout shelters. In their enthusiasm for plans to survive a nuclear war, Canadian officials are now predicting that half the Canadian population might still be around after a nuclear war.

At least one provincial Premier does not share this enthusiasm. Premier Hatfield has condemned federal plans to build a \$3.3 million fallout shelter in Fredericton as objectionable and fanciful. "There is no place to hide", he said. "Nuclear war must be dropped as an option". The Premier is right; there is no place to hide.

The mischief of civil defence planning goes beyond a waste of taxpayers' dollars. Since the early 1960s, successive American administrations have believed that, when balanced deterrence exists, nuclear war would be mutual suicide. So long as no thought could be given to fighting, let alone surviving a nuclear war, civil defence really did not make any sense. In the last couple of years they seem to have turned that around.

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They are now thinking about a winnable nuclear war. Like most Canadians, I thought that the Canadian Government was also in favour of a mutual balanced deterrent between the superpowers. This move toward civil defence preparations leads me to believe it has now changed its position. It is irresponsible for the Canadian Government, as well as being profoundly dangerous.

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THE LATE JACK SANDERSON

TRIBUTE TO AVIATION PIONEER

Mr. W. Kenneth Robinson (Etobicoke-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, the Aviation Hall of Fame in Edmonton honours many Canadians whose soaring drive built an aviation industry in this country. This April another of these great pioneers was to have been inducted into the Hall of Fame but, sadly, Jack Sanderson passed away before he could be so deservedly honoured.

Canadians could draw inspiration from the career of a man who was equally at home in the cockpit or behind a director's desk. He was one of those World War I pilots who brought such glory to our country. He then turned to barnstorming in the twenties, and thrilled many thousands with his aerobatics.

Jack Sanderson brought the same dash and vision to the corporate field. He was responsible for the establishment of Fleet Industries and, by sheer determination, steered the company through the Depression until it became a significant contributor to the Allied cause in World War II.

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Hon. Members, his love of flying and aviation was never dimmed by age. He was one of a special breed.

Today there is a movie called "The Right Stuff", a tribute to space-age aviators. Looking back, I think we can say that when it came to the "right stuff", Jack Sanderson was the original source.

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FISHERIES

LACK OF FISH ON AIRLINE MENUS

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a topic affecting the fishing industry of Canada, which relates to fish consumption. Fish consumption in Canada is extremely low considering the importance of the fishing industry to many of our provinces. Canada's per capita fish consumption for 1982 was 15 pounds per person per year. This compares to 80 pounds in Japan, 50 pounds in Portugal, 46 pounds in Sweden, 40 pounds in the United Kingdom, and 26 pounds in France. Canada's poor fish consumption is having a detrimental effect on the fishing industry.

Canadians should make a conscientious effort to consider fish as a possible meal alternative. It is low in caloric and