

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Lalonde:** That Committee of the House reported that "high profits were not earned to the detriment of Canadian consumers or businesses" and that "the most consistent and comprehensive data at the Committee's disposal indicates that Canadian banks are not overly profitable when compared to banks in the rest of the world". That is a report from a Committee of this House, on which there were Members of Parliament from all sides of the House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lalonde:** If the Hon. Member does not even want to have respect for the work of the Committees of the House, I think it is a judgment on himself.

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**DISARMAMENT****PROPOSAL TO LIMIT NUMBER OF NUCLEAR MISSILES**

**Mr. Paul E. McRae (Thunder Bay-Atikokan):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Last summer at the IMF talks in Geneva, Russian and American negotiators came to a private arrangement whereby only 75 launchers or missiles would be deployed on each side.

**Miss MacDonald:** Why the IMF?

**Mr. McRae:** Apparently this was accepted by the joint Chiefs of Staff from the United States, was rejected by the Reagan Government, and then subsequently rejected by the Russian Government. However, it is still considered to be a very viable proposal.

When the Minister is talking with Mr. Bush tomorrow, would he put this kind of proposal before him and suggest to him that it has far more chance of success than virtually sticking to the zero option?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Madam Speaker, the proposal or the ideas which were developed between the two negotiators have been rejected, as the Hon. Member knows, both by Washington and by Moscow. The ideas of their own negotiators did not find favour in their respective capitals. Tomorrow, in our discussions with the United States Vice-President, we intend to raise this particular proposal and others which may have merit, in an effort to break the deadlock that now appears to exist at the talks in Geneva.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****MEXICO—ATTACK ON CANADIAN TOURIST**

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Last week officials from his Department met with police authorities in Acapulco, Mexico, to discuss recent attacks on

Canadian tourists. I ask the Minister what was the outcome of that meeting? What guarantees did he get from Mexican authorities to protect our citizens while visiting that country?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Madam Speaker, if I recall accurately, the Hon. Member is referring to a particular case of a Canadian who was attacked in Acapulco while walking on a beach. Obviously there are some of these incidents. We are taking our responsibilities seriously in drawing them to the attention of the Mexican authorities. Nevertheless, the preservation of law and order and the enforcement of the law are matters for the Mexican authorities. We are raising these points with them as occasion warrants it.

**Mr. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** What the Minister stated about the incident that occurred last week is true. This man can be described as a very happy-go-lucky man. He is a constituent whom I know very well, but I think too many Canadians are being received very shabbily and attacked by people.

**PROTECTION OF VISITORS**

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Madam Speaker, in a country with which we have as close a relationship as we have with Mexico, I think the Minister's Department should be a little more forceful in bringing a matter such as this to their attention. We grant Mexicans in this country respect and protection by the laws of our country. We should ask them to do likewise.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is perfectly right, that we expect the authorities of other countries to protect our citizens when they travel in those countries as they have a right to the same treatment in Canada. But, even with the best of intentions, there do occur attacks, there do occur woundings, and in some cases murders. We have some instances in Canada where terrorists have come to this country and have particularly sought out representatives of the Turkish Government for attacks. Even though our authorities are doing their very best, sometimes it is not possible to avoid these very unfortunate incidents.

I certainly appreciate what he has to say, but I do not think we can have a total commitment from any Government, including our own Government and our own police authorities, that no incidents of that type will happen, either to visitors or to citizens of this country.

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**TRANSPORT****PROPOSAL TO BUILD MONORAIL FACTORY IN CALGARY**

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. He will know