

*Inquires of the Ministry*

matter with the Minister of Finance when he returns this evening. But I have no information to that effect in the form in which the question was put by my hon. friend.

**Mr. Knowles:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it still the government's position that there will be no amendment to the medicare legislation which provides that medicare is to come into effect on July 1, 1968?

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, I dealt with that question yesterday.

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask the Prime Minister if his government has arrived at any conclusion about what medicare will cost the federal government if it is implemented on July 1, 1968.

**Mr. Pearson:** It is impossible to come to that conclusion until we know the intentions of the provinces, Mr. Speaker.

Mexican border and also that the parents have been complaining since that date that they are not getting the sympathy and the assistance of the authorities, could the minister inform the house whether the R.C.M.P. has been alerted and report on the progress of the measures taken?

[English]

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Before answering, Mr. Speaker, I should acknowledge that the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand) wrote to me on October 24 about the same matter. The R.C.M. Police have been in touch with Interpol, Mexico, and with the F.B.I. Inquiries are continuing in Mexico and the United States on the part of Mexican authorities and the F.B.I. respectively. The R.C.M. Police have made all possible efforts and later this day will let the parents of both persons concerned know the results to date of the R.C.M. Police investigation.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY****INQUIRY AS TO SAFETY STANDARDS  
RESPECTING TIRES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Heward Graffey (Brome-Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, since the secretary of transport of the United States government has just announced in Washington new federal tire standards for the protection of the United States motoring public, when does the Minister of Transport intend to announce similar Canadian standards for the protection of the Canadian motoring public?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** We are busily working on this problem at the present time, Mr. Speaker, to see what we can do and what should be done as expeditiously as possible.

[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****MEXICO—INQUIRIES RESPECTING MISSING  
CANADIAN COUPLE**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J.-A. Mongrain (Trois-Rivières):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put to the Solicitor General a question of which I gave him notice yesterday.

In view of the fact that, on or about September 16, two young Canadians, Marjorie Sharp and Bertram Kidd, disappeared at the

[Mr. Pearson.]

**INQUIRY AS TO CONTROL OF  
ARMS EXPORTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** My question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I wish to ask him whether, in view of Canada's position on the international joint commission in Viet Nam, he or his government will or will not re-examine what can be done to prevent war material for use in Viet Nam from being exported from Canada.

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister dealt with this matter at some length a few months ago. I add that this government's policy is not to export military equipment to Viet Nam. This policy is being implemented effectively by the control procedures established pursuant to the Export and Import Permits Act.

Because of the open border between Canada and the United States there are no controls with respect to goods exported to that country. I ask my hon. friend who criticizes Canada, I know with no ill feeling, to recognize at the same time that another member of the commission has sent aid to the north.

**Mr. Brewin:** On a question of privilege, I did not criticize Canada by my question; I criticized the Canadian government.