

of our officials who actually share the command in the NORAD organization were aware of this possible development.

**Mr. MacLean (Queens):** A supplementary question. Is the government making any study of the implications of this development as it affects Canada-United States defence policy?

**Mr. Cadieux (Terrebonne):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, of course we are.

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):** A supplementary question to the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Speaker. May I ask whether the minister or any of his officials are sitting in with United States officials on discussions with regard to the planning of the anti-ballistic missile screen which the United States is now proposing to construct?

**Mr. Cadieux (Terrebonne):** Not just now, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Douglas:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister said "Not just now". Have they been invited to participate in any such discussion and are they planning to participate in any such discussion?

**Mr. Cadieux (Terrebonne):** To my knowledge, we have not been invited and I do not think we plan to attend. When I said, "Not just now", I meant that remark to refer to the orbital system. Some months ago we received an intelligence report in which the possibility of the existence of such a system was referred to. It is in that context that my remarks should be viewed. We were made aware of the possibility of such a system many months ago.

### AIR CANADA

#### REPORTED DUMPING OF POLLUTANTS INTO LAKE ST. LOUIS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Raymond Rock (Jacques-Cartier-Lasalle):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. Will the minister inquire into charges made by the city of Lachine that Air Canada at Dorval airport dumped 300 gallons of phenol into lake St. Louis on October 23, causing serious pollution and making the drinking water of the inhabitants of the area taste bad? Would the minister also inquire about the number of times Air Canada has poured industrial waste into the pluvial sewer which drains into lake St. Louis via the Bouchard river?

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member is making a representation which I assume has been noted by the minister. As he is referring to something which apparently happened some weeks ago, I wonder whether the question is urgent today.

### INQUIRIES OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare in his capacity as government house leader. In view of the fact that when we were in the other place a short while ago the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General delivered a speech from the throne, will the government be presenting a motion for an address in reply to the speech from the throne, will there be a debate on it and will it be subject to the usual amendments and motions of non-confidence?

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Not if we can avoid it, Mr. Speaker.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Knowles:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Are we not to be courteous enough to thank the Deputy of His Excellency for his gracious speech?

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Would he clarify a statement he made at the University of Toronto last Friday? In his remarks the minister advised students to be careful of becoming overly moral with respect to the war in Viet Nam.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** May I finish? I am just coming to the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I do not like to interrupt the hon. member but I must remind her that when referring to statements made outside the house she may inquire of the Prime Minister only whether such statements represent government policy. The hon. member may frame her question in that way.

**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** May I try again, Mr. Speaker.