

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

has under review the substance or substances that manufacturers may be using instead of phosphates, and has he any information he can give the House on whether or not they may have any pollutant effect?

**Mr. Greene:** Mr. Speaker, NTA, which is the major substitute, has been used in Sweden for some years and our scientists have investigated the effect there and have also consulted Swedish scientists in this regard. We are also continuing our own independent research in this area. To date, while we are satisfied that the banning of phosphates was the proper decision, there is no complete and comprehensive scientific conclusion which can be made as to NTA. We are satisfied to date that it is a substitute which is worth while.

## PHOSPHATES—NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES FOR CONTINENTAL BAN

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, since 80 per cent of phosphorous pollution emanates from the United States, has the minister negotiated with the United States government with a view to effecting a continental agreement banning phosphates, either through talks with the U.S. cabinet or through the International Joint Commission?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, on June 23, I believe it was, we had international meetings with the United States, the Canadian team being led by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the United States team led by Russell Train, the president's environmental council director. That committee is continuing to sit. One of the recommendations at that time was a total ban on phosphates on both sides of the border. We are continuing our representations with the United States in this regard, but to date we have achieved no agreement.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

## WAR MEASURES ACT—INFORMING BY POLICE OF FAMILIES OF THOSE DETAINED

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. I tried to catch your attention a few minutes ago because it relates to an earlier topic. In light of a statement by the Minister of Justice yesterday, is it the position of the government that the police should inform the families of all those detained under the War Measures Act, and I underline the word "all"? If this has not yet been the case, would the Prime Minister explain on motions or otherwise what regulation or statute empowers the police to withhold such information?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that in the statement of the Minister of Justice of Quebec, which was tabled yesterday in the House by the Attorney General of Canada and I believe printed in *Hansard*, the Minister of Justice of Quebec said that all those who have been detained and

[Mr. Barnett.]

have requested access either to their families or to counsel have received it. The hon. member can read the statement.

[Later:]

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to refer to the appendix in yesterday's *Hansard*. It might be well if my answer was given in the context of the following words which appeared in *Hansard* yesterday:

...the police have already contacted the families or individuals the detained persons have requested to have informed.

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## INDUSTRY

## FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DOSCO SHAREHOLDERS—SUBMISSION TO HOUSE

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** I have a question for the Prime Minister. Prior to any government financial settlement with the shareholders of Dosco, will this matter be brought before the House for agreement?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and refer it to the appropriate minister.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In taking the question as notice, will the Prime Minister also inquire of the Minister of Justice whether the list of shareholders will be made available along with the dates when the shares were acquired by the individuals?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I will take that as notice also.

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## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

## RETIRED EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS—ACTION TO IMPLEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASE

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. It is supplementary to a question which I asked him two weeks ago today. Is the minister yet in a position to report to the House on his discussions with the CNR concerning the increases in pensions by the Canadian National as recommended by a standing committee of this House and concurred in by the House itself?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** No, Mr. Speaker. I am not at all certain whether it would be appropriate for me to report to the House regarding discussions between myself and officials of CNR. I can advise the hon. member that I have conveyed to the CNR officially the findings of the committee and the decision of the House. If there is anything subsequent to that which I can appropriately report I will, but I assume that this matter will emerge in the normal way through questioning before committees or in some other fashion.