

*Oral Questions*

casting Corporation. Given the fact that the corporation persists in believing that the construction of a transmitter in Chapleau cannot proceed because winter is not over yet, could the minister inform the corporation that the spring thaw did take place in Chapleau in late April, and could he assure the residents of Chapleau that work is going to resume very shortly? Finally, could the minister tell the House when the CBC television programs will be aired in Chapleau?

**Hon. Francis Fox (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his question. I know that CBC programming in his area is an issue of utmost concern to him. He told me about it several times in recent weeks. I am glad to announce that according to information I received from the CBC, we are in a position today to state that the access road to the transmitter will be opened by June 9 at the latest. The corporation also informed me that, starting June 4, Bell Canada will be able to instal the lines necessary for broadcasting television programs and that CBC expects to start broadcasting TV programs in Chapleau very soon after August 1, 1980.

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[English]

**AIRPORTS****MONITORING OF X-RAY MACHINES TO ENSURE NO DANGER FROM RADIATION**

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Madam Speaker, perhaps this question and answer will be a little more spontaneous.

A few days ago I had a lengthy discussion with several security personnel at a major Canadian airport. They voiced very real concern about standing for prolonged periods of time beside the x-ray machines that examine hand luggage.

I want to ask the Minister of Transport if he is aware of these anxieties by his department's security personnel, what is the minister doing to monitor these perpetually operational x-ray machines, and can he assure his own people and the travelling public that there is absolutely no danger from a build-up of radiation when in the immediate vicinity of these potentially dangerous devices?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, I read of a certain case in the paper having to do with this. My inquiry revealed that it was a case of a particular attendant who had been overzealous about controlling the passengers. I will inquire to see if there are more issues of this kind, and report accordingly.

**Mr. Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Will the minister at least instruct his department's security personnel to wear docimeters, which are required by the military who work in a

radiation environment, in order to detect the slightest leakage or minutest build-up of radiation?

**Mr. Pepin:** I will make such an inquiry, Madam Speaker.

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**POST OFFICE****INTRODUCTION OF STAMP TO COMMEMORATE MOSCOW OLYMPICS**

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton):** Madam Speaker, I have a short question for the Postmaster General. Could the minister confirm or deny whether or not the Post Office is in the process of introducing a new 35-cent Canadian stamp commemorating the Moscow Olympics? "Yes" or "No" will suffice.

[Translation]

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General):** Madam Speaker, I am pleased to answer the question put by the hon. member. The former Conservative government had intended to introduce a new stamp commemorating the Moscow Olympics on July 4, 1980. Since Soviet troops have not withdrawn from Afghanistan yet, it is quite possible that the Post Office will decide very soon to drop the introduction of this stamp.

[English]

**Mr. Jelinek:** My supplementary is this. When this government took the decision on that stamp, the Soviet Union had not yet invaded Afghanistan. As of yesterday, Madam Speaker—

**Some hon. Members:** Question!

**Mr. Jelinek:** They get very nervous and edgy over there when they hear the truth. As of yesterday, the Post Office confirmed that indeed a stamp commemorating the Olympic Games in Moscow is to be introduced on July 4.

My question to the Postmaster General is this. Why, since the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union, has not the government taken the necessary action to remove that stamp from production?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Translation]

**Mr. Ouellet:** Madam Speaker, the former government did not take the necessary action to withdraw that stamp from production after the invasion of Afghanistan by Soviet troops. Further, I can assure members of the House that no final decision has been taken and the hon. member cannot say that the stamp will be issued on July 4. I pointed out to him, in answer to his first question, that a decision would be taken in the coming days.