

POSSIBILITY OF PROTEST TO FRANCE OVER RESUMPTION OF  
NUCLEAR TESTING

**Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. On May 26 I asked the Acting Prime Minister if the government of Canada plans to make a protest to the government of France over the resumption of nuclear testing. The Acting Prime Minister said he would make inquiries. Can the Secretary of State for External Affairs tell the House if the government will make a protest to the government of France against the resumption of nuclear testing.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, at the recent NPT conference in Geneva, the position of the Canadian government was made known on all forms of nuclear testing. At present, no protest along the lines suggested has been made directly to the government of France.

**Mr. Gillies:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it the position of the government of Canada that the resumption of nuclear testing does not deserve a protest on its part?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, the position of the government of Canada on this question has been made clear frequently, and just recently at the conference in Geneva. That is the position. Its importance is very great indeed.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO ADD REHABILITATION  
PROJECTS TO HOUSING PROGRAM—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Following the unanimous recommendation of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs to the effect that minister should consider adding rehabilitation projects to the recently announced veterans housing program, has the minister reached any decision in consultation with his counterparts and, if so, what is that decision?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the veterans housing program was announced just a short while ago. We feel it will be beneficial to community groups, which have made representations, and to individual veterans. As I told the committee, I will be looking into the requests hon. members presented to the Veterans Affairs Committee and I will do that as soon as possible.

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**Mr. Marshall:** Since many veterans will be denied the advantage of maintaining or upgrading their homes under the rehabilitation clause of the National Housing Act because they live outside the areas the provinces will designate, would the minister think seriously about this matter so that thousands of veterans living on fixed incomes who cannot afford to bring their homes up to a

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reasonable standard may obtain the benefit of this provision?

**Mr. MacDonald (Cardigan):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is, yes. We shall certainly give them every consideration.

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TRANSPORT

SUGGESTION GRAIN SHIPMENTS BE DIRECTED TO  
CHURCHILL RATHER THAN MONTREAL

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. In the light of constant labour problems at the Port of Montreal, will the minister take the necessary measures to direct increasing grain shipments to the Port of Churchill, which is not strike-prone, so that grain shipments will not be constantly help up?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** I believe the ship owners decide which ports to use.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT ACTION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS TO PROTECT WHALES

**Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that 15,000 Canadians showed their support for the Green Peace Foundation by attending the send-off last month in my constituency of the latest Green Peace ship, this one protesting the near extinction of whales, and in view of the fact that Canada says it has done everything in its power domestically to preserve the whale population, may I ask what action on a world community basis the government plans to take to stop whaling by other countries in order that the whale population may have a chance to regenerate?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** I take note of the hon. members's question and I wish to inform him that Canada has been associating itself with international efforts to protect all species of whales. We have undertaken internationally to pursue this course along the lines of the representation made by the hon. member.

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EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON ACTION TO ELIMINATE CLAUSE  
BOYCOTTING ISRAEL

**Mr. Peter Bawden (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. On May 8, the hon. gentleman stated in this House that the board of directors of the Export Development Corporation would be meeting the following week to consider its practices relating the EDC involve-