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What will the Acting Prime Minister say to businesses in Muskoka and Haliburton? What will she say to the fishermen who are interested in the salmon spawning grounds of Nova Scotia? What will she say to the millions of Canadians who are concerned that this is the major health issue which is confronting us because it has not been dealt with by the major polluters who are emitting 26 million tonnes a year south of the border? What will she say to them?

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**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, of course the Hon. Member would not even begin to admit that during his term of office in his Government's regime, it could not possibly come to an agreement with the provincial Governments. We have a \$150 million agreement to begin to clean up acid rain in our own country which, of course, shows good intent as to what we can do and what we can accomplish. That is being done in Canada. That will show improvement. What is more, Mr. Speaker, that kind of movement forward will be seen in a bilateral sense in the next year. I would ask the Hon. Member to take the same positive approach as so many people in this country do when they do see that positive steps have been taken.

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#### NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENCE

UNITED STATES MISSILES—STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO U.S.  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed as well to the Acting Prime Minister. This morning on Canada AM the United States Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger, was asked what action the United States plans to take against Russian cruise missiles. The reporter asked: "Might this involve, for instance, launchers in Canada being placed in Canada?" Mr. Weinberger replied in part: "They'd be placed in the most effective way, but I think what we would try to do would be to locate the best places for defences, and some might be here".

Would the Acting Prime Minister tell the House why the Government has assured the Canadian people that placing United States missiles here in Canada is not even a possibility when this is obviously being worked on right now by the United States Government?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member has been in the House on several occasions in the past when the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs made it abundantly clear that any decision along this line will be taken in Canada, and in Canada only. There is no contemplation of taking any decision of that nature here in Canada.

#### Oral Questions

REQUEST THAT MINISTERS APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, based on the words of Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, placed on the public record, the Conservative Government has not yet told the whole story to the Canadian people. I ask the Acting Prime Minister if she will make a commitment today that before the week is out the Government will have the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Minister of National Defence, appear before the External Affairs committee to tell the Canadian people, through the committee, exactly why it is contemplating—based on what was said by Caspar Weinberger—changing a long established policy of refusing to have U.S. missiles based in this country?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I know the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of National Defence have been far more ready to appear before parliamentary committees than former Ministers of the previous Government. However, I would ask the Hon. Member to continue and state clearly what Mr. Weinberger said this morning. The statement he made this morning in that regard was that "Canadian obviously, as a sovereign nation, would make its own decisions". That fact is recognized in Washington. I wish it were recognized by the Liberal Opposition.

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#### PORNOGRAPHY

EFFECT OF COURT RULING ON CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. Last Thursday the Federal Court of Appeal in the Luscher decision unanimously struck down those parts of the customs tariff which prohibit immoral or indecent imports, finding them to be so vague and uncertain that they are of no force or effect. Will the Minister confirm that he will immediately issue new instructions respecting the court's judgment? And, given the fact that this decision effectively throws Canada's borders wide open in this area, will the Minister bring forward quick legislation in order to block the import not of explicit erotica, as in the Luscher decision, but of child pornography and violent pornography?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, the first part of the Hon. Member's question deals with the status at the present time of that provision of the Customs Tariff. Because the courts have found that provision of the customs tariff to be *ultra vires*, it cannot be enforced by my Department. But my staff, however, will be under instructions that where they find, for example, a truckload of material coming in for distribution in Canada which is likely to be found to be illegal under the Criminal Code provisions, they will contact local police authorities and ask them to do their duty under the Criminal Code.