

Inquiries of the Ministry

the regions in order that a fully acceptable Atlantic development strategy can be evolved?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, if I start answering that question, you will stop me, undoubtedly with reason.

I am asked to give the opinion of the department on all the reports. As I said a few minutes ago, I hope to be able soon to give the opinion of the department on the bulk of the recommendations that were made.

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FAMILY INCOME SECURITY**CO-ORDINATION OF FEDERAL AND QUEBEC PLANS—
RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS**

Hon. Martial Asselin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I put a question to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Health and Welfare and he referred me to the minister. I would therefore like to direct my question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

The Quebec Minister of Social Affairs recently announced that negotiations with the federal government concerning the new family allowances program had come to a standstill, and had even been broken. Can the minister tell whether, after his discussions with the Quebec government, and more particularly with the Minister of Social Affairs, he intends to change the national family allowances program in order to reconcile it with the needs of the province of Quebec?

[English]

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): It is too early to say what changes there will be, if any. Discussions will be going on with the government of Quebec on this matter, and I can only advise the House as to what specifically will happen after those discussions have taken place.

[Translation]

Mr. Asselin: I should like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Can the minister assure the House that the consideration of this important matter will be continued or does he feel that the doors are closed to any further discussion? Also, is the minister going to meet soon with his Quebec colleague to resume negotiations?

[English]

Mr. Munro: I do not believe at all that the discussions on this matter are over.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**SUGGESTED CANADIAN INITIATIVE IN PRESENTING
RESOLUTION AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTING AT UNITED
NATIONS**

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): My question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In

[Mr. MacDonald (Egmont)]

view of the resolution passed last Friday by this House calling on all nuclear powers to stop testing nuclear devices and, in particular, urging the cancellation of the test at Amchitka scheduled for later this month, would the minister be prepared to approach nations favourable to this resolution at the United Nations with a view to bringing its content before the General Assembly for discussion and decision this year?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): We expect that the issue of a comprehensive test ban will be brought before the first committee and in due course it may be brought before the General Assembly. We will be working with the other countries interested to prepare a suitable resolution.

Mrs. MacInnis: I think the minister missed the point of my question. I was asking if he would be prepared to take the initiative in approaching other countries to get them together with a view to preparing a draft resolution along those lines and bringing it before the United Nations?

Mr. Sharp: In these kinds of matters we have lots of friends and lots of allies. We will be working with them to prepare a suitable resolution which will, I hope, get the support of the world against any testing by any country in the world.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

**DISCUSSION WITH PREMIER KOSYGIN OF POSSIBLE
NUCLEAR TEST BAN**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs or the right hon. Prime Minister whether the subject of a nuclear test ban has been discussed with Premier Kosygin during his visit and whether the government of Canada has received any assurance that the government of the U.S.S.R. subscribes to the Canadian view in this regard?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): We have had some discussion, and in the communiqué that will be issued after the conclusion of this visit our two governments will go on record as being in favour of a complete test ban. Of course, we do differ in some respects as to the modalities. The Soviet Union and ourselves do not entirely agree as to how best to achieve that complete test ban.

• (2:40 p.m.)

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In light of Canada's withdrawal from the United States economic environment and our acknowledged friendship with Russia, as expressed so well today, can it be expected that the missile bases at La Macaza, Quebec, and North Bay, Ontario, will be reactivated with Russian missiles in the near future?

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker.