

Questions

POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOSIONS FROM USE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Answer by: **Mr. Hees:**

1. Annual per capita consumption, 1945 to 1961:

Year	Fluid Milk ¹ lb.	Total Butter ² lb.	Total Cheese ³ lb.
1945	475.53	28.13	5.93
1946	474.57	24.06	5.06
1947	454.06	26.20	6.19
1948	424.21	26.69	4.84
1949	422.67	22.11	5.27
1950	421.80	22.33	5.58
1951	415.78	21.22	5.71
1952	381.81	20.69	5.82
1953	387.01	20.65	6.18
1954	388.27	20.40	6.39
1955	396.32	20.27	6.66
1956	405.10	20.51	6.43
1957	400.17	20.28	6.77
1958	396.08	19.13	6.86
1959	393.46	18.13	7.00
1960	393.20	16.98	7.21
1961	385.27	16.43	7.36

¹Includes fluid sales plus milk and cream consumed in farm homes in terms of milk.

²Includes creamery, farm and whey butter.

³Includes cheddar and other factory cheese consumed as such and process cheese.

Question No. 365—**Mr. Berger:**

1. Has the government received any opinion from its scientific, military or other advisers regarding the question whether anti-aircraft missiles armed with nuclear warheads or antimissile missiles armed with nuclear warheads, directed against aircraft or missiles bearing atomic bombs, would, upon hitting their targets cause (a) a nuclear explosion (b) no nuclear explosion?

2. Has the government received any such opinion regarding the question whether, in the same circumstances, anti-aircraft missiles armed with nuclear warheads or antimissile missiles armed with nuclear warheads, directed against aircraft or missiles bearing hydrogen bombs, would cause (a) a nuclear explosion (b) no nuclear explosion?

3. Has the government accepted any of the aforementioned opinions as conclusive and, if so, which opinion or opinions?

Answer by: **Mr. Harkness:**

1 and 2. The government has been advised on these questions by responsible military and scientific authorities. The advice received is to the effect that a relatively small nuclear defensive weapon, upon detonating as a direct hit or near miss, on the bomber or other vehicle carrying an atomic or thermonuclear (hydrogen) bomb has a high probability of neutralizing the bomb with no resultant nuclear explosion.

3. The government has no reason to doubt the validity of the advice it has received from its several responsible advisers.

CLOSING OF C.N.R. LINE, PLACENTIA-
ARGENTIA JUNCTION, NFLD.

Question No. 368—**Mr. Cashin:**

Has the government received any representations opposing the proposed closing of the C.N.R. branch line from Placentia to Argentia Junction?

Answer by: **Mr. McBain:**

The board of transport commissioners for Canada advise as follows:

The board of transport commissioners for Canada has received an application from the Canadian National Railways, dated October 10, 1962, seeking permission to abandon the Placentia subdivision which comprises 1.4 miles of track running between Placentia and Argentia Junction in the province of Newfoundland. No objections to this proposal have been filed with the board up to the present time.

CONSUMPTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

Question No. 382—**Mr. Matheson:**

1. What was the annual per capita consumption in volume or weight since 1945 of (a) fluid milk (b) butter (c) cheese?

2. What was the annual per capita consumption in value in fixed dollars since 1945 of all dairy products?

Per Capita Consumption Total Dairy Products
(in terms of milk (3.5% butterfat))

1945	1,233
1946	1,124
1947	1,179
1948	1,151
1949	1,050
1950	1,063
1951	1,034
1952	993
1953	999
1954	994
1955	1,014
1956	1,028
1957	1,022
1958	990
1959	966
1960	943
1961	921