

and the first part of September of this year, have revealed that the average concentration of Strontium-90 in milk reached record levels during that period, and that correspondingly high levels of Coesium-137 and Iodine 131 concentrations in milk were recorded. Thus, during the month of July, 1962, the average concentration of Strontium-90 in milk reached 26.5 micromicrocuries per gram of calcium, compared with the national average value for the preceding twelve-month period of 10.7 micromicrocuries per gram of calcium. While Canadian health authorities do not consider that such levels as yet require the initiating of precautionary measures, all members of this Committee will, I am sure, agree that the magnitude of the increases recorded is highly disquieting.

The firm opposition to nuclear weapons tests which Canada shares with so many countries has now been strengthened by the conclusions reached in the second comprehensive report of the Scientific Committee. All of my colleagues here are no doubt familiar with the Scientific Committee's disquieting conclusions on this question, which are set out in Chapter VII of the Report. One of those important conclusions was that "a final cessation of nuclear testing would benefit the present and future generations of mankind". It is most significant that this and other conclusions were unanimously accepted by the Scientific Committee, and this on the basis of the most objective and strict evaluation of facts.

This circumstance is a cause both for satisfaction and concern. From the clear and unanimous expression of such