

*Amchitka Nuclear Test*

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, one of my colleagues was also considering moving a motion on the same subject, but I do not see the value of it now in view of the debate that took place the other day.

I want to say on behalf of our party, and perhaps on behalf of most if not all Canadians, that the news which the Secretary of State for External Affairs has given us now makes this day a very sad one. The President of the United States has shown himself entirely insensitive to the needs of the world. He has decided to ignore the concern of Canadians in that area and, indeed, the concern of all people throughout the world that this kind of nuclear arms race should continue unabated.

I cannot help but say shame to the administration of a big and strong power that has so much to do with the welfare and peace of the world ignoring world opinion and ignoring the facts of the situation. This cannot help to produce a greater feeling of warmth or friendship toward the administration of that powerful country.

In my reading of the situation, Mr. Speaker, there are a good many scientists and military strategists who have pointed out that the test is militarily of doubtful value, if not useless, and that the Safeguard system which it is supposed to serve cannot be supported by so huge a bomb as that which will be exploded on or about November 3. I cannot help but feel that President Nixon has yielded to a desire to establish the prestige of the United States in a race that threatens the peace of the world and, indeed, the very existence of this world.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that even at this late date the strong expression of opposition which the Secretary of State for External Affairs has made—I say without hesitation that I congratulate him for his statement and am pleased he made it so clear and so strong—and the expression of opposition by the members of this House may still persuade President Nixon to get off this course of danger and the threat to humanity, to the ecology of the north-west and in general to the morality of the modern world posed by this atrociously unnecessary and atrociously dangerous test.

[Translation]

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I highly commend the firmness shown by the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) in notifying the United States government of Canada's opposition, not only on the part of the government, but also of Parliament and the people of Canada, to these nuclear tests to be carried out by the Americans shortly after November 4.

It is astounding to see what short shrift the United States government gives to nations which in the past have co-operated with them in many areas, completely ignoring our representations when we ask them to spare Canada and other countries consequences which can only be disastrous.

I now understand why representatives and citizens of the United States are not so very welcome in most of the countries I have visited, precisely because of their disregard for other nations. The Canadian government has made some representations but the American government advises us that it is not important.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker, the Americans will entirely bear the onus of their decision. We strongly object to the nuclear test which will be held in Amchitka and I join my colleagues in congratulating the government for the firm stand it has taken with the American authorities.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. My understanding is that the Leader of the Opposition might want to propose at this time the motion he referred to a moment ago.

DECISION BY UNITED STATES TO PROCEED WITH  
AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TEST—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O.43

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in putting this motion I wish to make it very clear that I am not accusing the President of the United States of shameful conduct or immorality. If I get the unanimous consent of the House I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin):

That this House do direct the Prime Minister to undertake a personal and direct contact with the American President to express the opposition of the Parliament and people of Canada to the Amchitka nuclear test, and further that the Prime Minister make this direct contact an absolute and immediate priority.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** Talk to McIntosh.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The House has heard the motion proposed by the Leader of the Opposition. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent.

**An hon. Member:** Who said no?

**An hon. Member:** The Prime Minister.

**Mr. Hees:** The Prime Minister said no and I heard him.

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MANPOWER

TABLING OF DETAILS OF LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM  
AND MANPOWER TRAINING ELEMENTS OF SPECIAL  
EMPLOYMENT PLAN

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2) I wish to table the details of the local initiatives program and the manpower training elements of the special employment plan.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN TRAINS—REQUEST FOR  
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O.43

**Mr. Pierre De Bané (Matane):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I would like to ask the