

Oral Questions

selves. In one conversation with them, we have already mentioned this important factor. This is a joint report because of our concern about this problem. We are obviously working on this.

Mr. Jarvis: Mr. Speaker, can either the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment or the Minister of National Health and Welfare tell me whether these two groups of people have been identified? In other words, in order to monitor one must identify those Canadians—the mothers on the one hand and the workers on the other—who may have been exposed to Mirex? Have these two groups been identified as of this date? Is it necessary, before any monitoring can take place, to identify individuals within those two groups?

Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent): Mr. Speaker, the report did identify areas in which the exposure had been greatest. These are the areas in which we are now involved and looking at.

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AIR TRANSPORT**INCREASE IN AIR FREIGHT RATES TO ARCTIC COMMUNITIES—
REASON FOR FAILURE TO REFER TO AIR TRANSPORT BOARD**

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. It might be difficult for him to give me an answer today, but I would ask him to take notice of the question. My question relates to a recent increase in air freight to \$1.11 a pound to certain points in the northern part of our country, as a result of a rate increase which was applied for by a company called Surf Air, which is wholly owned by Nordair. I would like to ask the minister what special evidence or circumstance was contained in the application which prevented this rate increase from being referred to the Air Transport Board and what special evidence there was which prevented the application from going to the Anti-Inflation Board for scrutiny as well?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have had an opportunity to review these rates. There was an earlier reference to them in the House and I found, while some of the increases were indeed very large, that in part those were adjustments in schedules and there were some increases which were not nearly so large. However, on examination it did appear that there may not have been adequate advance notice of the increases for people to take a position in opposition to them. Since there was notice and no intervention against them at all, the Canadian Transport Commission had not acted. They are now reviewing that situation to see whether in fact the people in question were given adequate notice of the proposed rate increases.

[Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent).]

**INCREASE IN AIR FREIGHT RATES TO ARCTIC COMMUNITIES—
POSSIBILITY OF SUBSIDY**

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the minister's answer. In fact there was no advertising of the proposed rates before they came into effect. In light of recent increases in the cost of living index, and particularly food, which affects people in the northern regions of our country three times as much as it does people in the southern part, will the minister undertake to discuss with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development the possibility, if these rates are allowed to continue, that there should be a subsidy for the people who are affected by this rate?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have indicated in the House before that the whole question of remote areas and the cost of transportation in relation to them is something we are reviewing. I will be interested in the views of my colleague representing the northern areas.

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PERFORMING ARTS**PROTEST AGAINST SUMMER PROGRAM OF CANADIAN FILM
INSTITUTE**

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State. In view of a statement attributed to an official of the Canadian Film Institute that the institute would consider very seriously any complaint by the government about films being shown in the auditorium of the National Archives, has the minister taken any initiative in approaching the institute regarding its current summer program, much of which is described by the institute's own program as pornographic?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I believe I referred the member's previous indication of discontent with the policy of the archives in renting the auditorium for this particular series of films with which he disagrees to the archives. I gather he is asking me to make a similar representation to the Canadian Film Institute. I would be happy to pass on his remarks to them.

**POSSIBILITY OF PROTEST FROM ONTARIO AT SHOWING OF FILM
"SWEET MOVIE"**

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, I would be interested in knowing the direction of the reference by the minister to the National Archives. Has the minister received any protest from the government of Ontario or the Board of Film Review at the attempt to use the auditorium of the National Archives to show the film "Sweet Movie", specifically banned in Ontario?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge, I have received no such representation. However, I have received a representation from one of