

*Oral Questions*

## REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PENSION COMPENSATION

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine):** Madam Speaker, will the Minister then be proceeding with the steps necessary to provide those stricken veterans with special pension compensation, and will he introduce a Bill, or amendments to present legislation, to cover compensation for these veterans?

**Hon. W. Bennett Campbell (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is working under some misinformation in that the legislation does not have to be changed. The provisions of the Pension Act would apply, and if disabling conditions are as a result of this particular disease then veterans are entitled to make application and have their cases considered.

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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF APPLIED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Science and Technology. The Minister knows that the Government is currently contributing \$400,000 annually to the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis. This would cover, among others, the expenses of overseas junkets for such peripatetic experts as Michael Kirby.

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Is the Minister aware that, following the lead of the United States, Great Britain decided last July to cease its financial participation in the operation of this Vienna-based institute as—and I quote from *The New York Times* of January 18 of this year—“The Institute produced vague results that at best repeated much of what was already known”? Would the Minister now review the merits of our country spending resources on this particular venture?

**Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Madam Speaker, I would be very happy to review the results. If the results are not positive and if the Institution is not making a contribution, then, clearly, we should very carefully reassess our position. The preliminary reports which I have received have been quite positive. I would be happy to discuss the operations of the Institute and the results achieved, with the Hon. Member. If, in turn, he has some information that he would like to make known to me about the operations, the achievements, and the purpose of the Institution, I would be happy to hear them, as well.

**Mr. MacKay:** I appreciate the answer.

## REPORTED USE OF DATA BANKS BY SOVIET DELEGATES

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Solicitor General. Has the Solicitor General looked into the report that Soviets and eastern Europeans have used IIASA to obtain access to western scientists, technologies and data banks, without providing anything comparable in return and, specifically, that Soviet officials in the Institute, such as the new chief Soviet delegate to IIASA, Igor Alekseevich Ganin, who is well connected with the KGB, used the Institute's computer to obtain sensitive military information from data banks located in western countries? If so, has the Solicitor General made any recommendations to his Cabinet colleagues concerning further Canadian financial participation in this venture?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I have not done so, but I will take that as a representation and will do so.

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## CANADA-UNITED STATES TEST AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR DEBATE ON CRUISE MISSILE TESTING

**Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. An agreement which was signed yesterday for the testing of U.S. defence systems in Canada states that “individual project arrangements shall be negotiated and concluded by the Canadian and American Defence Departments”. Could the Acting Prime Minister tell the House whether or not the Canadian Parliament will have an opportunity, accorded by a Government resolution, to debate the arrangements for the Cruise vehicle tests before their final acceptance?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Madam Speaker, as the Hon. Member pointed out, no project arrangement for any particular weapons systems, including the Cruise, has yet been negotiated. When that is done, if it is done, and when negotiations are completed, it will then be the occasion to raise the question as to whether debate will be appropriate.

**Mr. Epp:** Now is the time.

**Mr. MacEachen:** I will not give any commitment today concerning debate, but I think that it is a matter which can be raised if and when a project arrangement is concluded.

**Mr. McDermid:** The answer is no.

**Mr. McKinnon:** I feel that that is a shocking answer which really forecloses any chance that Parliament will be able to debate the most controversial subject in this country. It seems a shame that the Acting Prime Minister would adopt such an answer.