

*Inquiries of the Ministry***TRANSPORT**

## RAILWAY LINE RELOCATION POLICY

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, there is close liaison between the federal health authorities and the provincial health authorities now on the whole question of the health delivery system and its cost and efficiency. Meetings are being conducted on a continuing basis and the whole area will be discussed at the next federal-provincial meeting of ministers of health. We think that the health delivery system in Canada is probably one of the finest in the world. We do not agree with the conclusions of the report to which the hon. member referred.

**Mr. Rynard:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I hope the minister is aware that it was his government that brought in medicare—

**An hon. Member:** And you voted for it.

**Mr. Rynard:**—and he must accept the responsibility.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Rynard:** He did accept the responsibility and then cut back the health resources fund, the very heart of the program.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## PROPOSED U.S. NUCLEAR TESTS

**Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey):** May I ask a question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Has the minister finally reached a decision in regard to making representations to Washington in opposition to the scheduled underground nuclear tests in the north Pacific?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** We have not yet received the information that would be necessary for us to reach a decision on this matter.

**Mr. Mather:** Can the minister say why, when the government protested against a much smaller test last year, it is taking so much longer to make representations against this much larger test?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest this is an argument rather than a question.

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** I should like to direct to the Minister of Transport a question regarding the severe traffic impediments which occur as a result of railway lines running through some of our major cities. Would the minister discuss this serious matter with the railway officials with a view to determining an immediate policy and implementing it in order to alleviate this very serious urban problem?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** As I indicated in the House a few days ago, such discussions as the hon. member suggests are already under way. In addition, we have involved the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities as well as, in this particular case, the government of Manitoba and the council of the city of Winnipeg with a view to having the situation in Winnipeg, which is very similar to others throughout the country, be a sort of pilot project, and this combined group is going to bring in recommendations as quickly as possible.

**Mr. Alexander:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister give the House any indication as to when he expects this very important report?

**Mr. Jamieson:** A week ago Monday I met the representatives of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, among whom was a Mr. Wolfe of Winnipeg who indicated that good progress was being made and he hoped to have the report shortly.

**AIR CANADA**POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF EASTERN  
HEADQUARTERS FROM HALIFAX  
TO MONTREAL

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question also dealing with traffic and it is directed to the Minister of Transport. I wish to ask him whether Air Canada has made him aware that it is considering the moving of its eastern headquarters from Halifax to Montreal? If so, what does the minister intend to do about it?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** I have not had any such advice from Air Canada officials.

**Mr. MacInnis:** The minister has not been informed of a number of things Air Canada is doing, but is he aware that this company