

development. Such proposals held great potential for the implementation of an urban policy, specially one that applied to small urban centers. Mr. Danson noted with regret that his department had not been consulted in the preparation of a policy which could have such significant impact on the urban fabric.

The Minister of Transport expressed his concern about a proposal to move the headquarters operation of the Ministry of Transport to a location outside of Ottawa. Mr. Lang noted that his department was already highly decentralized in its operations and he could not see how it would be practicable to move the headquarters operation. The Minister of Agriculture had reservations concerning the authority that Treasury Board seemed to reserve for itself to make decisions concerning the relocation of departments. Mr. Whelan considered that his department was highly decentralized and said he would object to being told by the Treasury Board what further move might have to be made.

The Prime Minister noted at this point that the proposal from Treasury Board was only concerned with providing more detailed studies of the feasibility of further relocation moves. He did not envisage whole departments being moved out of the Capital at the moment, particularly in view of the costs involved at a time of government restraint. In the absence of the President of the Treasury Board, it was agreed to stand further discussion of this item to a further meeting of Cabinet.

General Discussion: Olympics for the Handicapped

Discussion d'ordre général: Jeux olympiques
pour les handicapés

The Prime Minister recalled the Cabinet's decision not to grant a subsidy to the "Olympic" games for the handicapped being organized in Toronto because of the participation of a team from South Africa. The Prime Minister thought it was important that the government not be seen blindly to implement a foreign policy at the expense of such activities as the Olympics for the Handicapped. Humanitarian considerations justified some flexibility. The Prime Minister was concerned that the government's attitude would not otherwise be easily explainable and felt that the nature of the event warranted full support from the government. The issue was whether humanitarian consideration was valid reason to modify the application of the government's policy on relations with South Africa.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs asked that the matter be stood for a week in order to allow him to give further consideration to the issue. The Prime Minister agreed.

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General Discussion: Olympiad for
the Physically Disabled - Toronto

Discussion d'ordre général: Jeux
Olympiques des handicapés physiques
- Toronto

The Minister of National Health and Welfare reported that he had issued a press release announcing the government's decision to set aside a sum of \$500,000 to be used for the promotion and development of sports and recreation activities for handicapped persons, in lieu of the originally planned contribution to the Olympiad for the Physically Disabled scheduled to be held in Toronto in August 1976. He noted that the press had given very modest coverage to the announcement and indicated that he intended to develop an information program dealing with this assistance.

General Discussion: Summer
Olympics 1976 - Montreal

Discussion d'ordre général:
Olympiques d'été 1976 - Montréal

Some Ministers noted comments made by the media to the effect that the federal government, through the presence of the Prime Minister and other Ministers at various functions, was maintaining a very high level of visibility at the Games.

Ministers felt that the text of the speeches made by the Queen and by the Prime Minister at the official dinner offered on July 24 should be given wide circulation. MP's should be provided with copies and encouraged to circulate them in their constituencies, particularly in the English-speaking areas of Canada.

Ministers noted the achievements of Canadian athletes at the Games. They felt that improvement of Canadian athletes, in general, did not hinge any more on more funding but rather on the provision of more and better technical services and advice. Coaches and trainers were the factors that needed to be improved.

General Discussion:
The Governor General

Discussion d'ordre général:
Le Gouverneur général

The Prime Minister reported that work was underway at the Citadel in Quebec City to restore a Regency swimming pool, apparently for the benefit of the Governor General. The source of funding for this work was not clear and the Prime Minister wished that further information be obtained. He noted that he had indicated to the Governor General that this undertaking did not appear necessary at this time.