

Questions

1970, by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development at the end of the ministerial level council meeting in Paris from which I and my colleague, the Minister without Portfolio from Windsor, have just returned.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

REDUCTION IN EXODUS OF CANADIAN PROFESSIONALS**Question No. 1,549—Mr. Comeau:**

Has the Canada Council taken concrete measures in its grants policy to reduce the exodus to foreign countries of Canadian professionals, whose studies have been subsidized by the country's taxpayers?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: A great number of Canada Council grants have the effect of creating more opportunities and better working conditions for Canadian professionals in the social sciences and humanities and the arts, and thereby reduce what reasons these professionals may have to pursue their careers in other countries.

For example, the Council's assistance to the social sciences and humanities is directed both at training Canadians for careers in university research and teaching and at maintaining conditions whereby Canadian universities can attract and hold first-rate scholars. The Council also assists the universities to find teaching staff among those who are receiving doctorates with Council Fellowships.

In a somewhat similar way the Council's assistance to individual artists is backed up by grants to the organizations on which the artists depend for their livelihood and to bring their work before the public. These include theatre, dance and opera companies, orchestras, art galleries and publishers.

[English]

WHITE PAPER ON OIL POLICY**Question No. 1,642—Mr. Yewchuk:**

Does the federal government plan a white paper on oil policy, or a revision if one now exists, as a result of recent discussions on this topic with the United States Government?

[Mr. Basford.]

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The National Oil Policy instituted in 1961, and reaffirmed by successive governments, is under current review but there is no government decision at the present time to present a white paper.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—HIRING OF TRUCKS AND DRIVERS, MONTREAL*Question No. 1,645—Mr. Ricard:**

From January 1 to April 8, 1970, to make up for the insufficiency of the service of the firm G. Lapalme Inc. (a) how many trucks were hired (b) how many truck drivers were hired (c) how many hours were these trucks in service (d) how many hours were the truck drivers working (e) what was the hourly rate paid for the trucks (f) what was the hourly rate paid to the truck drivers (g) how many security officers were hired (h) under what conditions (i) what was the total amount paid to the security officers (j) were there other expenditures and, if so, for what purposes and in what amounts?

[Translation]

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): (a) Minimum 20 per day; maximum 155 per day. (b) Minimum 40 per day; maximum 310 per day (each vehicle was staffed by 2 men for protection purposes). (c) 20,742 hours. (d) 41,484 hours (20,742 drivers; 20,742 helpers). (e) \$11.00 per hour (including driver and helper). (f) \$3.15 per hour for the drivers (paid by the contractor); \$2.92 per hour for the helpers (paid by the contractor). (g) Minimum 10 per day; maximum 200 per day (2 men per car). (h) On an "as required" basis subject to need. (i) \$208,244 as of March 31, 1970. (j) Yes, for vandalism and damage to rented trucks, amount involved not yet determined.

[English]

CBC—BROADCAST TIME GRANTED "QUEBEC-PRESSE"**Question No. 1,665—Mr. Portelance:**

1. How much broadcast time did CBC grant *Quebec-Press* with which it entered into, as indicated in the answer to Question No. 998, a contra-account advertising contract in exchange for 14 advertisements estimated at \$3,000 in all, which appeared in *Quebec-Press* in December 1969 and January 1970?

2. How was this time apportioned and at what rate?

3. Did CBC sign such contra-account advertising contracts with other Montreal newspapers in December 1969 and January 1970 and, if so, by newspaper, how many advertisements and for what amount?