

The other problem which arises when accommodation is owned and provided for employees is a problem of administration. Furniture has to be provided and certain controls have to be maintained. This adds to the administrative burden.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: I have one or two short questions, Mr. Chairman, and it might be convenient to ask them now.

Can you make some comment in regard to the provision of adequate news services for our staff overseas? For instance, the C.B.C. news is mailed from Rome to the Far East and arrives there five or six days later.

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Surely this news could be coped with in a more expeditious fashion?

Mr. CADIEUX: This is something which requires improvement.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Would you suggest that this committee make some recommendation in this regard?

Mr. CADIEUX: I think it would be satisfactory for the committee to make recommendations if it was inclined to do so. I must say that I feel the missions should have information but, just what kind of information is more difficult to say. The situation needs a good deal of examination; however, the department does already provide a good deal of information and I think is very conscious of the need. For instance, we are providing now the C.B.C. news bulletin. It goes to a number of the missions, and we provide specific missions certain information by telegram.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: It is my understanding that the news goes to places where regular news channels are adequate such as Rome, Paris and London, but does not go to the parts of the world which perhaps do not have these facilities of the ordinary news media.

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes. As I say, we are supplementing this system by telegram, and as the Telex system is introduced we will have an opportunity of sending a great deal more at a cost that is realistic. The use of the ordinary telegraphic communications system involves a very substantial cost.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: My last question is one that I hesitate to ask at 10.25 in the evening, but is there any chance of removing these silk screen paintings and providing something a little more appropriate? I understand we have these paintings all over the world. I am told that the national gallery has a basement full of very representative, shall we say, paintings and other objects. Is there any policy in this regard?

Mr. CADIEUX: There is a policy in respect of obtaining objects of art and paintings for missions abroad within the limitations of our budget which is \$15,000. We do buy paintings and send them out.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: You do not have to buy them. I understand we have a great many right down-town here in Ottawa.

Mr. CADIEUX: The gallery has loaned some of these paintings to us, but one of the difficulties in this regard is that the gallery uses these pictures for exhibition and educational purposes in this country, and if they are spread around at our missions the handling of them becomes tremendous and the availability, when they are needed, a little more questionable.

Mr. GELBER: I should like to ask two questions in respect of services. When a foreign service officer goes abroad on a tour of duty he receives certain perquisites. What happens to his income position when he returns to Canada from his tour of duty abroad at which time he loses these perquisites to foreign service?

Mr. CADIEUX: Some of these perquisites are put at his disposal to compensate for the increased cost of living, so that in theory when he returns to