

be increased to 25 per cent unless reduced by treaty. At the present time, Canada has Reciprocal Income Tax Agreements with the following countries where non-residents are not subject to Canadian withholding taxes on annuities—Ireland, United States of America, Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Trinidad-Tobago, United Kingdom and Norway.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE—MEAFORD TANK RANGE

Question No. 507—**Mr. Noble:**

1. Has the Department of National Defence given any consideration in respect of cleaning up explosives on the Meaford Tank Range?
2. Is the government aware of any significant trespassing taking place in what is alleged to be the most dangerous area on the Range and, if so, what steps are being taken to counteract this situation?
3. Has the Government of the Province of Ontario signified any interest or made any representation to the federal government in respect of securing the Range property?
4. Has the Department of National Defence offered the Meaford Tank Range to any other department or to the provincial government?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes. See Hansard dated 18 November, 1970, page 1278, and Hansard dated 13 December, 1971, pages 10392-3.

2. No. The Department of National Defence is not aware of any significant trespassing at Meaford Tank Range either in the heavily contaminated impact area or in the remainder of the training area. The training area will be more heavily utilized during the summer months and as a result, the military police patrols from CFB Borden will be increased in frequency. Consideration is being given to improving the current standard of boundary fence at the range.

3. Yes, as a possible site for a park.

4. Yes. See Hansard dated 30 June, 1971, page 7511. In addition the Department of Environment was requested to examine the possibility of using the Range property as a wild-life and bird sanctuary.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

ORGANIZATION OF TRIP OF SIOUX VALLEY DANCERS TO YUGOSLAVIA, 1971

Question No. 49—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Did the Department of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Department of the Secretary of State, or the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development participate in any way in the organization or funding of the trip of the Sioux Valley Dancers of the Sioux Valley Reserve near Brandon to Yugoslavia last summer?

2. Were any representations made by this group to the Department of External Affairs as to the financial arrangements provided by the Yugoslavian Government and if so, what action was taken by the Department of External Affairs?

3. Were any representations made by the Department of External Affairs to the Yugoslavian Government regarding the finan-

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cial arrangements made by the Yugoslavian Government and, if so, what was the response of the Yugoslavian Government?

Return tabled.

CLOSURE OF CANADIAN ARMED FORCES BASES

Question No. 228—**Mr. Stewart (Marquette):**

1. Since 1965, how many Canadian Forces Bases have been closed and where was each located?

2. In each case (a) how many Canadian Armed Forces personnel were transferred out of the area (b) what was the number of civilian personnel laid off for whom alternative satisfactory employment was not found (c) what is the present status of the land and buildings and how much money has been recovered by the federal government as a result of their disposal?

3. Does the government consider that the base consolidation and closing program has caused economic and other hardships to the areas concerned and, if so, for what reason?

Return tabled.

LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Question No. 379—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

1. Under the Local Initiatives Program, what was the total amount granted to each province and how many jobs were to be created in each case?

2. Under this program, what total amount was granted to each constituency in the Province of Quebec and how many jobs were to be created in each case?

3. What are the names of the organizations that presented projects under this program in the constituency of Richmond?

4. What was the title of each project from the constituency of Richmond?

5. Were some projects rejected and, if so (a) which ones (b) how many jobs would have been created by each (c) what amount of money was requested in each case?

6. What was the total amount granted under the Local Initiatives Program in the constituency of Richmond?

Return tabled.

DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION—
PUBLICITY CONTRACTS

Question No. 452—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. Were any contracts awarded by the Department of Manpower and Immigration for publicity and/or information in the fiscal year 1970-71 and, if so (a) what were the names and addresses of firms which received such contracts (b) what was the amount of each such contract (c) what was the specific purpose of each such contract?

2. Do the main and supplementary estimates of the Department for the fiscal year 1971-72 provide an amount to be spent on publicity and/or information and, if so (a) what amount is provided (b) what amounts have been encumbered or spent to date (c) what are the names and addresses of the private firms which have entered into such contracts (d) what is the amount of money involved in each such contract (e) what is the specific purpose of each such contract?

Return tabled.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, starred questions are placed on the order paper so as to secure an early answer. On March 28 I asked the following starred question:

1. How many Red Ensigns were in the possession of the Department of Public Works on the date the present flag came into existence?