

December, 1964. During that time he held the following ranks and appointments: Flying Officer, Aircrew Navigator (RAF—45 A.T. Group), Public Relations Officer—Central Air Command; Flight Lieutenant, Aircrew Navigator (later switched to Personnel/Public Information), Instructor at RCAF Officer Administration School, Public Relations Officer—Air Force HQs.; Squadron Leader, Deputy Director Public Relations—Air Force HQs, Defence Department Representative—Royal Tour 1951 (Press Arrangements), Deputy Director Public Relations, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh tour of Canada 1954; Wing Commander, RCAF Senior Public Relations Officer—NATO Air Division, Europe, Director of Public Relations (RCAF) Ottawa, Co-Chief Press Officer, President Kennedy Visit to Canada (1961), Canadian Government Chief Public Relations Officer, NATO Ministerial Meeting (Ottawa 1963); Group Captain, Director of Public Relations—RCAF—Ottawa, Special Assistant to Minister of National Defence.

#### PREMATURE RELEASE OF ARMED SERVICES OFFICERS

Question No. 1,901—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Prior to premature release and as part of the reduction of the armed forces, were officers asked to volunteer for premature release with a cash bonus as an incentive?
2. If not, for what reason?
3. Is the policy of premature release of officers with a cash bonus completed?
4. If so, has this been officially promulgated to all officers?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** 1. No.

2. Officers who were released prematurely with financial benefits were selected for such release based on certain criteria which permitted the services to retain control of those considered for release.

3. Yes, P.C. 1964-15/1239 dated 13 August, 1964, terminated on 6 May, 1966.

4. Personnel in the rank of army captain (and equivalent) and below, including all non-commissioned personnel, were notified in May 1965 by general message. Other officers affected were notified individually.

#### SINGLE UNIFORM FOR ARMED SERVICES

Question No. 1,902—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Is it the intention of the government to have a single walking out uniform and rank structure for the three armed services by July 1, 1967?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** Decisions will not be taken on these matters until amendments to

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the National Defence Act to be introduced at this session have been enacted.

#### DISCONTINUANCE OF ARMY COUNCIL

Question No. 1,904—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Has the army council in the national defence structure been discontinued and, if so (a) what was its role and purpose (b) on what date was it discontinued (c) what has replaced it?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** Yes. (a) the co-ordination of the various activities of the Canadian army; (b) 1 August, 1964; (c) chief of defence staff and branch heads.

#### DISCONTINUANCE OF AIR COUNCIL

Question No. 1,905—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Has the air council in the national defence structure been discontinued and, if so (a) what was its role and purpose (b) on what date was it disbanded (c) what has replaced it?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** Yes. (a) the co-ordination of the various activities of the Royal Canadian Air Force and to assist the chief of air staff in making decisions on matters of policy; (b) 1 August, 1964; (c) chief of defence staff and branch heads.

#### DISCONTINUANCE OF NAVAL BOARD

Question No. 1,906—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Has the naval board in the national defence structure been discontinued and, if so (a) what was its role and purpose (b) on what date was it disbanded (c) what has replaced it?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** Yes. (a) the formulation of naval policy and the co-ordination of the activities of all branches of the Royal Canadian Navy; (b) 1 August, 1964; (c) chief of defence staff and branch heads.

#### RETIREMENT REQUESTS BY SERVING OFFICERS

Question No. 1,907—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Have any serving officers of the Canadian armed forces written to defence headquarters since June, 1965 asking that they be retired without loss of pension aid, if so (a) how many (b) how many such requests have been granted?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** Yes, however personnel statistics do not record the information asked in (a) and the necessary expert staff is not available to undertake the large amount of work which would be required to gather the necessary information; (b) between June 1, 1965, and August 31, 1966, 259 officers were released without loss of pension/annuity. However, in some instances there would be a reduction