COMMONS DEBATES

Questions

PURCHASE OF YACHT BY CANEX

Question No. 554-Mr. Winch:

1. Has CANEX, operating at CFB in Chilliwack, British Columbia, decided to purchase a \$35,000.00 yacht out of its funds and, if so, who made the proposal and was it carried by a democratic vote of the members?

2. Is this for the use of officer staff or all ranks? 3. What opportunity will there be for non-officer ranks to use the yacht?

4. Was the base commander in any way involved with the decision to purchase this yacht?

5. Could this money have been spent to revive community facilities for all ranks?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): 1. The Canadian Forces Exchange System (CANEX) is responsible for issuing directives and guidelines to the Non-Public resale outlets in the Canadian Forces. The original proposal to purchase a 42 ft. ketch which will sleep eight was submitted by the Base Commander to the Base Fund Committee (of which he is not a member). After thorough discussion by the Committee, a vote was taken from all members of the all-ranks committee representing all units on the base, and it was agreed that the Canadian Forces Central Fund be asked to lend the Base Fund Committee, Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack, B.C., the necessary non-public money to purchase this sailing boat which would be berthed in Vancouver for the use of personnel at CFB Chilliwack when they proceeded on vacation.

2. The aim is to provide recreational sailing facilities for all ranks.

3. The schedule of fees is scaled so that junior ranks will be able to participate equally with senior non-commissioned officers and officers. For example, should three privates and their families decide to rent the ketch for one week, they would share the cost equally, i.e. \$27. per family. At the present time, 19 men and 10 officers are undergoing winter training in sailing.

4. Only insofar as he proposed the idea to the Base Fund Committee for study.

5. The purchase of this sailing boat is only a small part of a comprehensive nonpublic fund program now underway to provide the military community at Canadian Forces Base, Chilliwack, with recreational facilities. The extension to the Junior Ranks Club,

[Mr. Richardson.]

swimming pool, curling rink is now under construction and is expected to be completed on target. During the past year an auto-hobby club, a bowling alley and an extension to an all ranks lounge was completed. Further community facilities for the use and enjoyment of all ranks at Canadian Forces Base, Chilliwack, B.C., are in the planning stage.

*EXPENDITURES ON "VISAGES DU CANADA"

Question No. 557-Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. What is the total expenditure to date paid or unpaid of the Caravan described as "Visages du Canada"?

2. For how many months will it travel through African countries?

3. On these travels, how large will be the staff, including working crews and all other employees? 4. What will be the total estimated costs of such travels?

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows: 1. \$138,559.00.

- 2. Twelve months.
- 3. Six persons.

4. In addition to the amount already spent, the costs of shipping charges, salaries and allowances for accompanying personnel and operating expenses total approximately \$201,000.

[English]

IMPORTS OF DDT

Question No. 573-Mr. Harding:

1. How many pounds of DDT were imported in each of the years 1960 to 1968 inclusive and in that part of 1969 for which records are available?

2. From what countries was DDT imported?

3. What was the total value of these imports?

4. Is DDT produced in Canada and, if so, where and in what quantities for each of the above years?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce as follows: 1. and 3. See table p. 2225.

2. DDT is imported only from the United States of America.

4. There was no production of DDT in Canada during the years 1960-68, inclusive, nor is it being produced at present.

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