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**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 956, 1,127, 1,136, 1,218, 1,256 and 1,257.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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## CONSUMABLE FOOD PRODUCTS

Question No. 956—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1977, how many consumable food products were banned or recommended against use by the Department of National Health and Welfare?

**Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** In 1977, only food products containing saccharin were banned. (These were banned as of December 31, 1977). This ban includes approximately 15 classes of food and beverage products, totalling about 200 individual products.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS EXPENDITURES IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF NICKEL BELT

Question No. 1,127—**Mr. Rodriguez:**

For each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of Nickel Belt by the Department of External Affairs and those agencies that report to it?

**Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Statistics are not available as departmental expenditure records are not maintained by region, municipality or constituency. However, it is estimated that departmental expenditures in Nickel Belt are negligible.

In so far as the Canadian International Development Agency is concerned, the reply is as follows: Records are not maintained on this basis.

## TREASURY BOARD EXPENDITURES IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF NICKEL BELT

Question No. 1,136—**Mr. Rodriguez:**

For each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of Nickel Belt by Treasury Board and those agencies that report to it?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board):** In so far as the Treasury Board Secretariat is concerned: Nil.

## NEW AND REINSTATED RECIPIENTS OF WVA/CWA AND DISABILITY PENSIONS

Question No. 1,218—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. How many veterans were added to the rolls of WVA/CWA recipients as (a) new recipients (b) reinstatements?
2. How many WVA/CWA recipients have been removed from DVA rolls classified as (a) discontinued (b) deaths (c) in suspension?
3. What are the figures for disability pensioners?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** For the fiscal year 1976-77.

1. (a) 13,717; (b) 4,097.

[Mr. Lumley.]

2. (a) 4,946; (b) 5,109; (c) 4,658.

3. New awards, 1,900; Reinstatements, 179; Discontinued, 109; Deaths, 4,795; Suspension, 268.

## COMMONWEALTH

Question No. 1,256—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

As a member country of the British Commonwealth, is Canada required to pay an annual contribution and, if so (a) in what amount (b) to which country or agency?

**Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, as a member of the Commonwealth, Canada is required to pay an annual assessment which is determined on the basis of the assessment scale of the United Nations: (a) £421,228; (b) Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5HX.

## CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UPKEEP OF BRITISH CROWN

Question No. 1,257—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

Is Canada called upon to contribute each year to the upkeep of the British Crown and, if so (a) in what amount (b) to which agency is the amount paid and by what date is it required?

**Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable.

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[English]

## PRIVILEGE

## MR. DIEFENBAKER—PROCEDURE ON S.O. 43 MOTIONS

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to raise a question of privilege. Today as never before the House of Commons is under close scrutiny in all parts of Canada. Over and over again in the last few months Canadians have shown a deeper interest in the democratic system and in the preservation of parliamentary government.

Not having the knowledge which comes from years of experience in the House of Commons that on occasion we do say things we ought not to, some Canadians have pointed out that they find it difficult to understand some of the raucous behaviour that takes place. We understand it; they do not. Indeed, in two schools to which I have spoken, students in grades 11 and 12 have asked, "Is it actually parliamentary? After all, if we acted that way, we would not be in school very long." I mention that as a preliminary to the matter I wish to raise.

Like all hon. members, I am one who has a deep and abiding affection for this institution. I think it was some 12 years ago that I suggested that something should be done to preserve the right of private members to bring before the House matters which they regard as being important, nationally or provincially. Following that, over a period of time the procedure under