

2. Were such militia troops blamed for damage to civilian property?

3. If so, what was the amount of the damage and what troops were involved?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): 1. 289.

2. No. The extent of the damage caused by the exercise which involved several countries as well as Canada, is ascertained by a crop damage claims organization which assesses crop damage each time a major exercise is undertaken in Germany, and any claims for damage are processed through the British army on the Rhine headquarters.

3. Not applicable.

***BAIL FOR B.C. CHINESE IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION**

Question No. 570—Mr. Woolliams:

1. Will the Minister of Manpower and Immigration release Ng Chun Yeung (pronounced Eng Chun Young) the son of a Canadian citizen on bond from the immigration jail in Vancouver where he has been held since June 5, 1967 without bond until such time as his appeal can be heard in January or February of 1968?

2. Would the Minister of Manpower and Immigration outline the reasons why the bond in question has been refused, and is that information generally communicated to an immigrant who seeks bail while incarcerated in Canada pending a hearing or an appeal?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows: 1. No. Legally, the authority for releasing a person detained rests with the special inquiry officer. I have reviewed the circumstances of Mr. Ng's detention and believe the special inquiry officer has acted properly in refusing bond. The British Columbia Supreme Court has dismissed two writs of habeas corpus brought before it to obtain his release. A further motion of certiorari to quash the deportation order was also dismissed by the Chief Justice of British Columbia.

2. Ng Chun Yeung's case is now before the British Columbia court of appeal. One of the grounds of his appeal is the refusal of the special inquiry officer to grant bond. It would therefore be inappropriate for me to comment on the reasons the bond in question has been refused. Although the special inquiry officer is not required by law to give reasons for refusing a bond, these are normally given if requested.

Questions

PHOTOGRAPHS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Question No. 571—Mr. Schreyer:

1. Is the Department of National Defence or any of its defence forces offices in possession of photographs of certain airborne objects, which photographs were reportedly given over to Canadian defence department officials by one Warren Smith of Calgary, Alberta?

2. Were these photographs or copies thereof made available to any of the Canadian newspapers or news magazines?

3. Were any requests made by any Canadian newspapers or news magazines for access to these photographs?

4. In all cases where Canadian defence department officials have interviewed persons reporting the sighting of unidentified flying objects, have departmental officials requested such persons to not communicate with newspaper reporters, etc. and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes, the department is in possession of duplicate 35 mm. slides and one set of prints.

2. Not by the Department of National Defence.

3. Yes. All were referred to Mr. Warren Smith.

4. All persons who communicate information to the Department of National Defence on alleged unidentified flying objects do so on their own volition and are in no way requested to suppress the release of the information to any other person or persons.

INCREASE IN STEEL AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

Question No. 577—Mr. Godin:

Does the federal government foresee a forthcoming increase in steel and nickel production in Canada and, if so, will this increase enable us to reduce our imports of stainless steel kitchen utensils from Japan?

Mr. Jean-Charles Canin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce): Increases in steel and nickel production are expected. Current capacity for production of stainless steel is adequate to supply requirements of stainless steel kitchen utensil manufacturers.

The supply of stainless steel is only one of many complex factors affecting the competitiveness in the Canadian market of manufacturers of stainless steel kitchen utensils.