

know my own position on the question of foreign exchange controls.

Senator Austin: I am asking the question because in the *National Issue Survey*, issued by the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada under the name of Terry Yates, one question is:

Do you agree or disagree that a good way to ensure stability of our dollar is to impose controls on the outflow of currency from Canada?

And I am wondering what was the usefulness of such a question, or whether it indicated emerging government policy.

Senator de Cotret: I would not take that at all as indicating emerging government policy. It might be an indication of our concern to hear the views of Canadians on a great variety of topics, but certainly it is not emerging government policy.

Senator Austin: You indicate then that is a valid question to ask the Canadian people at this time, and I thought I heard you say that you did not think so—at least in personal terms.

Senator de Cotret: No, I said, honourable senators, that in personal terms I do not need a study; I know the answer.

DELAYED ANSWERS

The Hon. the Speaker: Are there delayed answers?

Senator Flynn: Yes, and in this regard I would ask that I be allowed to use the same method I used yesterday. There is a response to Senator Haidasz regarding Iranian students, and we list here the conditions applicable under the immigration order, and the way the rules are applicable to admission. Perhaps I could have this printed as part of my answer at this point, if that is agreeable to honourable senators.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it agreed that the statement by the Leader of the Government be taken as read into his speech?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Flynn's delayed answers follow:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

IRAN—ADMISSION OF NATIONALS TO CANADA AS STUDENTS

Senator Flynn: As I have already indicated to Senator Haidasz, the government applies to Iranian students the same standards that it applies to applicants for student visas from anywhere else in the world. I think it's fair to say that allegations of inadequacy in these procedures are ambiguous and unfounded.

I would like to describe for Senator Haidasz the various procedures which must be complied with:

(1) All applicants for student visas are subjected to a security check. Once again, no special investigation is instituted simply because they are Iranian nationals.

(2) Student applicants must be of good health and character.

[Senator de Cotret.]

(3) Applicants must be able to provide evidence of acceptance by a Canadian university or vocational training institution. The reality is, of course, that most institutions have accepted almost their total enrollment for this school year.

(4) Applicants must furnish proof that adequate funds can be transferred for their stay in Canada and for their return transportation.

(5) Students applying must be proficient in one or both of Canada's official languages.

(6) Applicants must furnish proof of readmissability to their home country following completion of their education.

I am sure that Senator Haidasz would agree these principles are both fair and comprehensive.

HUMAN RIGHTS

ALLEGED RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Senator Flynn: Honourable senators, on November 7, 1979, Senator Haidasz mentioned an alleged practice of the Department of National Defence to exclude Canadians adhering to the Moslem and Jewish faiths from serving in our Middle East contingents, and asked whether this alleged practice was in contravention of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Since then, I have been informed by my colleague, the Minister of National Defence, that it has, indeed, not been the practice for members of the Canadian forces adhering to the Moslem or Jewish faiths to be included in units or formations serving in United Nations peacekeeping duties in the Middle East. This decision has been based on two factors. The first has been the consideration that the membership of the Canadian forces participating in peacekeeping operations should be such that no basis should be provided to the ill-intentioned for alleging partiality or lack of objectivity of any kind. The second has been the concern for the well-being and safety of the members which should never unnecessarily be endangered.

It has never been the policy of the Canadian forces or of the Government of Canada to place any member of the Canadian forces at a disadvantage within the service because of membership of a particular religious, ethnic or racial group. Honourable senators will, however, appreciate that the special circumstances of this United Nations assignment require that this special consideration be extended to those members.

Furthermore, the Canadian Human Rights Act provides that a preference or exclusion in relation to any employment does not constitute a discriminatory practice when it is based on a bona fide occupational requirement. I understand that the Department of National Defence takes the view that this practice fits into this provision of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR MISSILE SYSTEM IN EUROPE

Senator Haidasz: Honourable senators, I would like to direct a question to the government leader on a very important