

AGRICULTURE

USE AND HOUSING OF LABORATORY ANIMALS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In the interests of humane action, will the Prime Minister not consider legislation placing some restraint and supervision on the use and housing of laboratory animals, and their sale and transportation, similar to the legislation enacted by the United States Congress on August 24 last? Would the Prime Minister consider introducing legislation similar to or better than that passed in the United States?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to look into the matter, but I cannot hold out any particular hope that such legislation will be made available to the house this session.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

SUBSTITUTION OF INSIGNIA ON MAIL BAGS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the right hon. Leader of the Opposition asked me the following question as reported in *Hansard*:

Is it a fact that his department has made arrangements with the penitentiaries branch for the manufacturing or making of mail bags with "Royal Mail" deleted therefrom, and with "C.P." or "P.C." in its place?

I replied as follows:

Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of this. I will take the question as notice, but I must say that the words "Royal Mail" have never been used on mail bags.

Today I received more information from my department on this subject. The reason I was not aware of it is that the last contract for the production of mail bags given to the penitentiary was on May 2, 1966. The term "Royal Mail" was not deleted because, as I said yesterday, it never appeared on Canada Post Office mail bags, and no action has been taken to have "C.P." appear on these mail bags.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister say that mail bags are not being produced in any of the penitentiaries having on them the superscription "C. P." or "P. C.", as the case may be? I did not hear the minister clearly.

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Mr. Côté (Longueuil): That is what I said, that the last contract given to the penitentiary was on May 2, 1966; and no action has been taken to have the letters "C. P." on these mail bags.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I think the minister had better get in touch with the penitentiary at Dorchester, I think it is.

PENITENTIARIES

REQUEST THAT INMATES BE GIVEN MORE PRODUCTIVE WORK

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Solicitor General and ask whether he would not consider giving the inmates of penitentiaries something a little more productive to do than mending mail bags.

UNITED NATIONS

ADMISSION OF MAINLAND CHINA—SELF-DETERMINATION FOR FORMOSA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David MacDonald (Prince): Mr. Speaker, my question refers to an early question with regard to the present policy being espoused by our government with regard to a two-China policy. Could the Prime Minister tell us whether in this two-China policy there is included the policy of self-determination for Formosa?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker. The position we have taken—and I am sure it is supported on all sides of the house—is that no decision should be taken in regard to the future of the people of Formosa without the consent of the people of that country. Perhaps I may put it in a word by saying that our policy in this matter has been universality without expulsion.

AIR TRANSPORT

LICENSING OF OTHER AIR CARRIERS DURING STRIKE OF AIR CANADA PERSONNEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Transport whether he has had any discussions with his departmental officials and the transport board in reference to allowing and permitting other air companies to give passenger and express services in those areas where there is now an emergency and no service whatsoever?