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TEACHING OF FRENCH IN LOUISIANA

Question No. 4,986—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Did the Government on its own or in co-operation with the Government of any Province make any arrangement with the State of Louisiana to provide the State with French language teachers and, if so, were the teachers sent upon (a) the request of the State of Louisiana (b) the decision of (i) the Government (ii) the Government in co-operation with the Government of any Province?

2. Was there any type of agreement or contract made between (a) the Government and the State of Louisiana (b) the Government, any provincial Government and the State of Louisiana to employ the teachers to teach French in Louisiana and, if so, what were the terms of the contract or agreement?

3. What was (a) the length of time the teachers were contracted to teach the French language in Louisiana (b) the amount of financial compensation or support paid to the teachers during the calendar year (i) 1981 (ii) 1982 (iii) 1983 for teaching the French language in Louisiana, including all travel expenses to and from their starting point in Canada and their destination in Louisiana, the actual wage received for teaching, and any funding for accommodation while teaching in Louisiana?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. No. The Govern-

ment, however, through our Consulate General in New Orleans subsidizes programs of a cultural nature managed by CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana). CODOFIL is an independent organization established by the Louisiana Legislature and subsidized in part by that elective body. CODOFIL is also granted subsidies by Canadian provincial Governments.

2. No. French language teachers are hired directly by CODOFIL.

3. See above.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Evans: I would ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 30

[*English*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

U.S.S.R.—SHOOTING DOWN OF SOUTH KOREAN AIRCRAFT

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 30 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely the immoral shooting down of a South Korean civilian aircraft by the Soviet Union resulting in a loss of 269 lives including those of ten Canadians. Such a grave event demands immediate government action to ensure the protection of Canadians and citizens of other countries who travel on civilian aircraft on international routes.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: The Hon. Member is asking leave to debate a very grave and important question. Again, I must refer to Beauchesne which states that the specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration for discussion for which the adjournment of the House is sought under Standing Order 30:

—must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if it is not given immediate attention.

I have come to the conclusion that within the terms of Standing Order 30(4) the subject matter of the proposed motion is indeed a proper subject for discussion within the terms of this rule.