

the deputy House leader has taken the occasion to advance a whole theory of law in this country which seems to me to be completely out of order. While claiming to correct a headline in the paper, Mr. Speaker, the deputy House leader went on to say that the rule of reason should override the rule of law. Surely that is a new concept in this country.

All I want to say is that that is exactly the argument which has been advanced by every government which wanted to erode human liberty in the name of protecting human liberty. This is exactly what Richard Nixon said and, long before him, what Adolf Hitler said. I think this sort of intervention under the guise of a question of privilege ought not to be permitted.

Mr. Speaker: Order. In the case of two questions of privilege raised this afternoon, the Chair exercised greater leniency than perhaps it should, and this was not all in respect of the matters which were referred to. However, perhaps the experience this afternoon is an indication that the Chair will have to take a much harder line on questions of privilege in the future.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

TABLING OF REPORT TO MINISTER

Mr. Ed Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to subsection 17(2) of the Anti-Inflation Act, I wish to table, in both official languages, copies of a report sent to the minister by the Anti-Inflation Board.

● (1602)

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, questions Nos. 174, 175, 183, 212 and 266 will be answered today. I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the other questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Are the other questions allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO ANTI-DUMPING TRIBUNAL

Question No. 174—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Anti-Dumping Tribunal and how many are retired public servants?

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2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. Nil.

2. Non-applicable.

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

Question No. 175—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Army Benevolent Fund and how many are retired public servants?

2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): The Army Benevolent Fund Board has reported to me as follows: 1. None.

2. None.

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO CANADA LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD

Question No. 183—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Canada Labour Relations Board and how many are retired public servants?

2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): 1. Currently the Board has one person under contract and that person is a retired public servant.

2. Total amount paid to persons under contract: (a) 1975/76, \$1,315; (b) 1976/77, \$1,509. Amount paid to retired public servants: (a) 1975/76, \$1,315; (b) 1976/77, \$490.

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO DEFENCE RESEARCH BOARD

Question No. 212—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Defence Research Board and how many are retired public servants?

2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND—PERSONNEL OBTAINED FROM PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Question No. 266—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Has the Army Benevolent Fund obtained (a) part-time (b) full-time employees from private employment agencies in (i) British Columbia (ii) Alberta (iii) Saskatchewan (iv) Manitoba (v) Ontario (vi) Quebec (vii) New Brunswick (viii) Nova Scotia (ix) Prince Edward Island (x) Newfoundland and, if so, in each case, how many?