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program is fully implemented would be about \$1,517,000 per annum.

CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS

Question No. 2,166—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Has the Postmaster General been made aware that witnesses for the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, when appearing before the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons on Employer-Employee Relations in the Public Service, stated that the objective of the convention mandate to go for a Crown corporation was because of a preference for the Canada Labour Code rather than the Public Service Staff Relations Board?

2. Has the Post Office Department considered granting to Post Office workers the same contract negotiation privileges enjoyed by employees of Crown corporations?

Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): 1. Yes.

2. The Postmaster General has stated to Postal Unions that the Department is prepared to negotiate the effects of technological change on the workers. However, labour relations in the Post Office are subject to the Public Service Staff Relations Act, whereas most Crown Corporations are subject to the Canada Labour Code.

OLYMPIC GAMES—PLANS

Question No. 2,338—**Mr. Schumacher:**

Are any plans being made, or have they been made, for the provision of military (a) personnel to assist in any way with the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976 and, if so (i) how many persons will assist (ii) what are the ranks of each group (iii) what type of services will be performed (iv) what costs are involved in each case (b) equipment and, if so (i) what equipment (ii) what is the purpose of the provision (iii) what costs are involved in each case?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): (a) and (b). Plans are presently under study to provide support to the Olympic Games. In accordance with present planning approximately 5,500 personnel will be involved with security in support of the RCMP; approximately 2,600 personnel will work in direct support of COJO and an additional 2,500 personnel will provide command and control and administrative as well as logistic assistance for the forces involved. No special equipment is being procured for the support role to the Olympic Games. However, the normal replacement procurement of some equipment used by the forces has been accelerated.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—ISSUANCE OF COLOURED PLASTIC BAGS

Question No. 2,355—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

Is the Post Office Department issuing colourful plastic bags free to customers and, if so (a) for what reason (b) how many have been printed (c) what is the cost per unit (d) what was the total cost (e) who received the order (f) are they being distributed across Canada or are they restricted to specific areas?

Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): The Post Office has made these bags available to customers. (a) To package sheets of stamps and other philatelic material to enable the customer to carry items home without damage. (b) Initial Printing was 100,000—November 1974. (c) Cost per unit was \$60.60

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per thousand. (d) Total cost was \$6,060. (e) Flexopack Mfg. Ltd., Montreal. (f) Bags were distributed across Canada as a stock Postal Stores item for distribution to Philatelic Outlets.

CANADA COUNCIL SUBSIDIES TO "PARTI PRIS"

Question No. 2,390—**Mr. Laprise:**

Since 1968, what amount has the *Parti pris* publishing firm received from the Canada Council in annual subsidies?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: The Canada Council's program of annual block grants to Canadian publishers began in 1972. The *Parti Pris* publishing firm has received \$36,000 under this program. Since 1968, a total amount of \$40,885 has been awarded to *Parti Pris* by the Canada Council. This includes grants for the publishing of individual works as well as the above mentioned block grants.

NATIONAL DEFENCE BASE CLOSURES

Question No. 2,418—**Mr. Lawrence:**

1. Have any National Defence establishments in Canada been closed or had their staff, either Armed Forces or civilian employees, reduced during the fiscal year 1974-75 or the current fiscal year and, if so (a) what are their names and locations (b) in each case, what was the effect of the reduction or closure on the (i) Armed Forces staff (ii) civilian employees (c) to date, has alternative employment been offered to any of the civilian personnel (d) for each establishment, what is the anticipated saving to the Department as a result of such closure or staff reduction?

2. Does the Department plan to close or reduce the staff of other bases during the current fiscal year and, if so (a) what are their names and locations (b) how many (i) Armed Forces personnel (ii) civilian employees will be affected (c) will the civilian employees be offered alternative employment (d) what is the anticipated saving to the Department as a result of such closures or reductions?

3. Does the Department have long-range plans for closing down other defence establishments and, if so (a) what are their names and locations (b) what are the anticipated dates for their closure?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. (a) The following Department of National Defence establishments were closed or commenced phase-out during 1974/75. Data concerning closures or reductions for 1975/76 are given in Part 2 of this question. Patricia Bay, B.C. (Part of CFB Esquimalt)—Transferred to MOT September 1, 1974; Canadian Forces Station Armstrong, Ont.—Closed September 30, 1974; Canadian Forces Station Foymount, Ont.—Closed September 30, 1974; Canadian Forces Station Ramore, Ont.—Closed September 30, 1974; Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot Renou, N.B.—Commenced phase-out terminating September 1, 1978. (b) (i) Armed Forces personnel were posted for employment with other Canadian Forces units. (ii) Positions at other locations of the Department were offered to qualified civilian personnel. For those who did not wish to relocate, or did not have the necessary qualifications, every effort was made in conjunction with the Public Service Commission and Manpower centres to find suitable alternative employment. Moving expenses were paid by the department for those who accepted employment at other locations. (c) Yes. (d) Estimated savings as a result of closure for 1974/75 is as follows: Patricia Bay \$.673 M; CFS Arm-