

Order Paper Questions

3. Yes. The Fitness and Amateur Sport Branch was transferred to Secretary of State on June 5, 1979. Four employees in the SX classification working with the Fitness and Amateur Sport Branch were transferred to Secretary of State.

MR. ALEXANDER S. ERESKOVSKY

Question No. 568—Mr. Cossitt:

1. (a) Was the government notified by the Soviet Union that it desired to replace Mr. Vladimar Ivanovich Gavryushkin, consul general for the Soviet Union in Montreal and, if so, on what date (b) was it known to the government at the time that Mr. Gavryushkin was a representative of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R. in Canada and was it a matter of record in security files that he was a suspected or confirmed Russian intelligence agent?

2. Did Mr. Alexander S. Ereskovsky replace Mr. Gavryushkin as consul general in Montreal and, if so (a) on what date was his diplomatic visa approved (b) on what date did he arrive in Canada?

3. Were security checks made on Mr. Ereskovsky prior to the granting of his visa and, if so (a) who made them (b) were checks made with the United States authorities in Washington?

4. Has he been labelled as a suspected intelligence officer in the files of any Canadian security service?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. (a) The Canadian embassy in Moscow was informed on December 18, 1979, that Mr. A. Ereskovsky would be appointed Soviet consul general in Montreal; (b) Mr. Gavryushkin was the duly accredited representative of the government of the U.S.S.R.

2. Yes. (a) 18 January 1980; (b) 6 March 1980.

3. Mr. Ereskovsky's visa application was processed in the normal manner. Visa processing is normally carried out in consultation with the security authorities.

4. It is considered that it would not be in the public interest to comment on questions of this nature.

COAL—MINTO AND CHIPMAN AREAS—NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 740—Mr. Corbett:

Is it the intention of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources to aid in the extraction, production and/or marketing of coal from the Minto and Chipman areas of New Brunswick and was financial assistance contributed for this purpose and, if so, in what amount and in which sectors?

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State, Mines): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: No. EM and R has no plans to aid in the extraction, production and/or marketing of coal from the Minto and Chipman areas of New Brunswick at the present time. Over a five-year period commencing in 1968 the Government of Canada provided \$19.6 million to rationalize production in the Minto coalfield.

COMPUTERS

Question No. 809—Mr. Beatty:

As of May 5, 1980, were the identities routinely and automatically logged by the host software of all individuals who attempt to gain access to (a) CPIC (b) computers used for storage or processing of income tax returns (c) computers used for storage or processing of information concerning (i) old age pensions (ii) Canada pensions (iii) unemployment insurance claims (iv) family allowances (v) Canada Manpower?

Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Solicitor General and Treasury Board as follows: (a) Yes, (S.G.); (b) and (c) Yes, (T.B.).

POSTMASTER GENERAL—LETTER FROM CONSTITUENT OF LEEDS-GRENVILLE

Question No. 884—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the Postmaster General receive a letter from the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville dated April 3, 1980, requesting information concerning the reduction in the number of months per year of postal service at Chaffey's Locks, Ontario, and, if so, did he answer the letter and (a) if so, on what date (b) if not, for what reason?

2. Did he write directly to the constituent making the inquiry without advising the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville of the department's decision not to assist the box holders and, if so, for what reason?

3. Is it government policy to show equal courtesy to members of Parliament who are not members of the Liberal party in replying to inquiries they make and, if so, for what reason was such courtesy not shown in this case?

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General):

1. Yes;

(a) No;

(b) For the reason that a copy of the original letter to the constituent sent May 6, 1980, was sent to the hon. member.

2. Yes, the Postmaster General wrote directly to the constituent making the inquiry but not without advising the hon. member.

3. Yes.

There was no intention of being discourteous to the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville. As the constituent's letter preceded the hon. member's letter by a few days, the latter was recognized as a follow-up and the response given to the constituent was made available to the hon. member.

CF101 VOODOO FIGHTERS

Question No. 932—Mr. McKinnon:

1. Was a contract let to repair and overhaul spare parts and accessories for CF101 Voodoo fighters at a cost of \$3,837,000?

2. How long a period is envisaged for the future use of the spare parts and accessories?