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which occurred at 11 hr 33 m 05 sec Universal Time Oct. 31, 1969, was sufficiently strong to be recorded at all the stations of the network.

2. The magnitude of this earthquake was 6 on the unified body-wave magnitude scale used by seismologists for events at this distance. This scale is often referred to as the Richter scale, although there are small, highly technical differences. On another scale, involving surface waves, the magnitude was 6.4.

## AID TO UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Question No. 481—**Mr. Dumont:**

Is the aid granted to the University of the West Indies in the amount of \$1,731,000.00 an interest-free loan or a gift from the Government of Canada?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** It is a gift from the government of Canada.

[*English*]

## SMOGLASS MOTOR VEHICLE

Question No. 490—**Mr. Mather:**

1. Is the government aware of the experimental development in the U.S. of a smogless motor vehicle powered by turbo-electric means?

2. Is consideration being given to prohibiting the use of pollution-creating motor vehicle engines?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. Yes.

2. Prohibiting the use of such engines is not considered to be a feasible solution to the problem at this time, as practical alternatives are not as yet available. Passage of Bill C-137 would make it possible to establish and enforce maximum limits of the exhaust emission from new motor vehicles. The limits would be set in relation to the levels of air pollution in Canada at a given time so as to minimize the danger to the health of Canadians.

## ALLEGED FREE MAILING BY LIBERAL FEDERATION

Question No. 498—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

Has the Post Office Department conducted an investigation into the claim that the Liberal Federation of Canada mailed hundreds of press releases to the Parliamentary Press Gallery free of charge and, if so, what is the result?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** Yes, it was

[*Mr. Orange.*]

determined that 286 items were mailed. As soon as the error became known to the mailers they remitted to the Post Office Department full payment of first class postage in the amount of \$17.16.

## ALLEGED FREE MAILING BY LIBERAL FEDERATION

Question No. 505—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Were letters from the Liberal Federation of Canada delivered in the mails in Ottawa recently without postage and, if so, on what dates and in what quantity?

2. Did the Post Office Department investigate such delivery and, if so, what was the result?

3. How many complaints were received concerning this matter?

4. What would have been the total revenue accruing to the Post Office Department, had the postage on the items in part 1 been fully paid?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** 1. Yes, November 10, 1969—286 items.

2. Yes. As soon as the error became known to the mailers they remitted to the Post Office Department full payment of first class postage in the amount of \$17.16.

3. None.

4. \$17.16.

## CHARLOTTETOWN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Question No. 506—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Since July 1, 1969, what improvements have been made at the Charlottetown Airport?

2. For what reason was the calling of tenders for paving the parking lot and runways and extending the terminal building delayed beyond the announced date?

3. What is now the estimated completion date for all such improvements and extensions?

4. When is it intended to obtain more land for the Charlottetown Airport and commence construction of a new terminal building?

5. At the present time, how many daily commercial flights use the facilities of the Charlottetown Airport?

6. What is the total passenger capacity of each and all such flights?

7. What is the seating capacity of the passenger lounge of the Charlottetown Airport?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. Taxiway and apron have been extended for larger aircraft. A car park enlargement is underway and 90 per cent complete.

2. Paving Contract delayed due to funding, design time, and tender call. The Terminal