

THE INSTITUTE OF THE U.S.A.

Question No. 78—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was the security committee of the cabinet or any other person whatsoever, prior to May 22, 1979, aware of the existence of an organization in Moscow called "The Institute of the U.S.A. and Canada" and that the Canadian division was founded in 1972, and that the director of the institute was Mr. Georgiy Arbatov?

2. Did Mr. Arbatov visit Canada in 1975 and, while here, did he meet with (a) the Prime Minister (b) the then minister of external affairs (c) various Canadian business executives (d) noted members of the academic community (e) senior members of the Public Service in positions where they could influence Canadian government policy and, if so, for what reasons?

3. Was the government aware, prior to May 22, 1979, that Mr. Vladimir Ivanovich Gavryushkin, consul general for the U.S.S.R. in Montreal, made regular reports to Mr. Arbatov on certain Canadian matters?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The facts referred to were publicly available before the date mentioned.

2. Dr. Arbatov visited Canada early in 1975 at the invitation of the Department of External Affairs, who arranged for him to meet the people indicated.

3. It would not be unusual for officials of the Soviet government to communicate with each other on matters of mutual interest.

CUBAN SUBVERSIVE AND COVERT ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Question No. 79—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is there an IAC brief No. 28/75 entitled "Cuban Subversive and Covert Activities in the Western Hemisphere" and, if so, on what date was it compiled?

2. Was the brief compiled by the security service of the R.C.M.P. and others and, if so, what is the identity of the other groups assisting in the compilation?

3. Did the government apprise the people of Canada of such subversive activities and, if not, for what reason?

4. Will the government consider making a statement on the subject?

5. Will the government, under a freedom of information policy, make known to the Canadian people the activities, contrary to the Canadian democratic process except where such disclosures would have considerable serious harm to a security operation in progress?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): It is considered that it would not be in the public interest to comment on questions of this nature.

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION

Question No. 183—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. For each fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits for the Farm Credit Corporation?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Hon. Eugene Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Farm Credit Corporation replies as follows:

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| 1. (a) | 1977-78 | — | \$181,948,860 | total revenue |
| | | | \$ 991,002 | net income |
| (b) | 1978-79 | — | \$212,098,327 | total revenue |
| | | | \$ 2,287,438 | net income |

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| 2. (a) | 1977-78 | — | none |
| | 1978-79 | — | none |
| (b) | 1977-78 | — | \$297.4 million |
| | 1978-79 | — | \$266.4 million |
| (c) | Capital advances received, 1977-78 | — | \$11.5 million |
| | Capital advances received, 1978-79 | — | \$10.3 million |
| | There was no write-off. | | |

P.E.I.—FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOOLS IN SUMMERSIDE

Question No. 267—**Mr. Herbert:**

How many (a) elementary (b) high schools in Summerside, P.E.I. (i) are entirely French language schools (ii) include full courses in the French language (iii) have French language immersion courses?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): The following information was obtained from the P.E.I. ministry of education.

In the Summerside area there are three elementary schools, grades one-six; two junior high schools, grades seven-nine; one senior school, grades ten-twelve. None of these schools is exclusively French, none has full courses in French other than in immersion. Immersion programs began in two of the three elementary schools three years ago and have now reached the grade three level where 80 per cent of the instruction time is in French (100 per cent in grades one and two). This is a progressive situation and immersion will be offered at the junior high school level when appropriate.

Within a distance of 15 miles west of Summerside in the Evangeline district, one elementary school and one high school are entirely French language schools.

HEALTH AND WELFARE—PERSONS IN THE SX CLASSIFICATION

Question No. 371—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. As of March 31, 1979 (a) how many persons in the SX classification were employed by the Department of National Health and Welfare (b) how many were (i) Francophones (ii) females?

2. What are the present totals?

3. Was there a structural change in the department since March 31, 1979 and, if so, what effect did such a change have on the number of SX's employed?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

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| 1. | (a) | 50; |
| | (b) i) | 10; |
| | ii) | 4. |
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| | (b) i) | 13; |
| | ii) | 3. |