

have allocated to it, we have only been able to handle one-third of the applications that have been submitted.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ROLE OF CANADIANS IN EVALUATING LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS OF MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING FORCE—POSITION OF POLAND

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I should like to return to the matter of the evaluation team in the Middle East and ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs to tell the House whether the evaluation team, consisting of Canadian armed services personnel, has been charged with evaluating the entire logistical requirement of UNEF, that is, determining what will be required by both Canada and Poland, or just that part which Canada will be expected to play in logistics?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to have this question put to me because I think it requires clarification. Probably the most difficult and most important job facing the UN Emergency Force is the logistics arrangements, to get the men into the field, organize signals, airlifts and so on. We have been entrusted with the job of evaluating the whole process and therefore, while we hope that we will be joined by some colleagues from Poland, essentially the job will devolve upon Canadian shoulders. With all due deference to the right hon. member for Prince Albert, may I say that I think this is an important function.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): It is not clear whether Poland is to join in this evaluation process. I wonder if the minister would be able to tell the House what reaction Poland has to the assignment of Canadians to this role?

Mr. Sharp: As the hon. gentleman knows from his own experience, Canada is the most experienced and best equipped group in the world outside of the great powers to undertake this kind of job, and I think it is a great tribute to Canada that the Secretary General called upon us to fulfil this function.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: A great tribute to Canada which the country does not want.

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ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA

ALLEGATION THAT CONSULTANT MEMBER OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES—POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Is the minister in a position to report on the case of Michael C. McCracken which I raised last Thursday, and can he at the same time advise the House whether Mr. McCracken has undertaken

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work in a consulting capacity for any other government department or departments?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, since the Economic Council of Canada reports to the Prime Minister, I have had discussions with him and understand that an inquiry has been undertaken by his office.

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IMMIGRATION

MR. McCracken—DISCLOSURE OF CONNECTION WITH UNITED STATES CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ON APPLICATION FOR LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration of which I gave him notice. Can the minister advise the House whether or not Mr. McCracken's service with the United States army and the Central Intelligence Agency was shown on his application for landed immigrant status and, if so, was any effort made to determine if and when his connection with the CIA had been terminated?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the hon. member sending me notice of his question just before the question period. Traditionally, information contained on personal applications for landed immigrants for permanent residence in Canada is considered to be a matter of confidentiality. However, I can tell my hon. friend from my own information that, as is done in all cases of applications for landed immigrant status, a complete check was done on Mr. McCracken and he was found to meet all immigration requirements.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate who has a supplementary question, then the hon. member for Vancouver Kingsway, and then call orders of the day.

APPREHENSION OF ASIANS AT GANDER AIRPORT—POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MUNICH BASED OPERATION

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, my question is related to the one by the hon. member for Trinity to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Were a number of Asian persons designated as visitors to Canada apprehended at the Gander International Airport over the weekend and again today? Has an investigation taken place, and was there any connection between this particular apprehension and a Munich-based operation?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have no information whatsoever as to the latter part of the hon. member's comments. I can tell him that the six persons apprehended at Gander were deemed not to be bona fide non-immigrants. An inquiry was ordered and they were ordered deported on the basis that the evidence presented indicated they were not here genuinely as visitors.