

Order Paper Questions

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[Text]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—SECURITY SERVICES

Question No. 32—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was a statement issued by the press office of the Department of External Affairs on Friday, January 26, 1979, to the effect that the department's security services were being expanded and, if so, what are all the details of this expansion and for what reason was it considered necessary?

2. What will be the total estimated number of employees or personnel as a result of the expansion and what was the total before such expansion?

3. Did Mr. Eldon Black direct the expansion?

4. Were any of the duties that the department will perform under such expansion presently or previously performed, internally or externally, by the RCMP and, if so, what were they?

Hon. Marc MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. No such statement was issued. (There have, however, been two changes in recent years in the security area within the Department of External Affairs. The first was the appointment of Mr. E. P. Black as deputy under-secretary; this appointment, announced on August 3, 1978, did not involve any departure from existing responsibilities nor any expansion of the department's activities in this area. The second was the appointment in February, 1979, of a co-ordinator for emergency preparedness to ensure that the department's existing responsibilities in crisis situations are fulfilled in a co-ordinated manner. Both of these changes were designed to strengthen the ability of the Department of External Affairs to meet its existing security responsibilities. There has been no expansion of personnel apart from the appointment of the co-ordinator for emergency preparedness.)

2. N/A.

3. N/A.

4. N/A.

MR. VLADIMAR IVANOVICH GAVRYUSHKIN

Question No. 37—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was the government, prior to May 22, 1979, aware that Mr. Vladimir Ivanovich Gavryushkin, consul general of the U.S.S.R. in Montreal, was the representative of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in Canada since 1972 and, if so (a) did he maintain contact with certain members of Parliament (b) has he been contacted by employees of the House of Commons (c) did he regularly meet with members of the Communist Party of Canada, representatives of certain trade unions and representatives of the Communist Party of Quebec?

2. Is the government aware that Mr. Gavryushkin was and/or is accompanied on many of his activities by either identified or suspected Russian intelligence service officers?

3. Was the government made aware of these facts prior to May 22, 1979, under IAC brief No. 7/76 and, if so, what action was taken, if any, in this regard?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The government is not aware that the activities of Mr. V. I. Gavryushkin ever went beyond the bounds of internationally accepted norms of behaviour for diplomatic and consular officials.

MR. A. N. POSTNIKOV

Question No. 38—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was a visa granted in December 1975, to A.N. Postnikov, a supposed Russian technical expert, to visit Canada?

2. Is Mr. Postnikov designated in security records as a known member of the chief intelligence directorate of the Soviet ministry of defence commonly referred to as the GRU?

3. Was the government aware, at the time the visa was granted, whether or not Mr. Postnikov had been declared *persona non grata* by the government of India in the city of New Delhi in 1958, and, if so, for what reason was he admitted to Canada?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes.

2 and 3. It is considered that it would not be in the public interest to comment on questions of this nature.

MR. RYSZARD TRYC

Question No. 39—Mr. Cossitt:

1. To the knowledge of the government, was Mr. Ryszard Tryc an accredited Polish diplomat in Canada and, if so (a) on what date did he arrive in Canada (b) what position did he hold with the Polish embassy (c) was he found dead and, if so (i) on what date (ii) in what location (d) was a post-mortem performed and, if so (i) by whom (ii) in what place (iii) what was the cause of death (e) was any Canadian doctor, specifically a Canadian coroner involved in the case and, if not, for what reasons?

2. What became of Mr. Tryc's remains and if they were returned to Poland, by what means were they returned and on what date?

3. To the knowledge of the government, was Mr. Tryc in any way associated with any intelligence service of any country and, if so, what are the details?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes. (a) September 15, 1978; (b) first secretary; (c) yes: (i) on July 20, 1979, (ii) in his office; (d) yes: (i) by Coroner J. A. Thomson, (ii) in Ottawa, (iii) a massive stroke; (e) yes.

2. Mr. Tryc's remains were returned to Poland by air on July 24, 1979.

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

LISTENING DEVICES

Question No. 40—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Have any electronic listening devices or any articles whatsoever commonly referred to as "bugs" been found in any Canadian embassy in Eastern Europe including the Soviet Union within the past ten years and, if so (a) on what dates (b) what was the location of each embassy (c) what was the nature of the device found (d) what was the length of time it was estimated to have been there (e) the exact location in the embassy where it was found (f) in any case, was it discovered who placed the device and, if so, what was the identity?

2. Was a commonly called "bug" found in a vacuum cleaner in the Canadian embassy in Moscow at any time and, if so, what are all details?

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.