

Order Paper Questions

6. Upon his return from such missions is it usual for Mr. Head to report to the Secretary of State for External Affairs?

7. What External Affairs officers accompanied him on visits referred to in Parts 3 and 5?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. September 1, 1968.

2. Special Assistant to the Prime Minister. To assist the Prime Minister in the preparation of public statements; to offer such advice and assistance on policy matters and to undertake such assignments as may be requested of him by the Prime Minister.

3 and 4. The following list excludes visits made by Mr. Head in circumstances of a non-inter-governmental nature. Nigeria, October 1968, Head of the Federal Military Government, General Yakubu Gowon. Great Britain, January 1969, accompanying the Prime Minister to the Commonwealth Prime Minister's Conference. Italy, January 1969, accompanying Prime Minister. U.S.A., March 1969, accompanying Prime Minister. Nigeria, June 1969, Head of the Federal Military Government, General Yakubu Gowon. Tanzania, June 1969, President Julius Nyerere. U.S.A., September, 1969. Nigeria, December, 1969, Head of the Federal Military Government, General Yakubu Gowon. U.S.A., March, 1970. New Zealand, May, 1970, accompanying Prime Minister. Australia, May, 1970, accompanying Prime Minister. Malaysia, May, 1970, accompanying Prime Minister. Singapore, May, 1970, accompanying Prime Minister. Japan, May, 1970, accompanying Prime Minister. USSR, June, 1970. Sweden, June, 1970. Great Britain, July, 1970. U.S.A., August, 1970. U.S.A., November, 1970. Tanzania, December, 1970, President Julius Nyerere. Zambia, December, 1970, President Kenneth Kaunda. Pakistan, January, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister. India, January, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister. Singapore, January, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister to Commonwealth Conference. Indonesia, January, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister. Ceylon, January, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister. Iran, January, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister. USSR, May, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister. U.S.A., December, 1971, accompanying Prime Minister. Tanzania, January, 1972, President Julius Nyerere. Zambia, January, 1972, President Kenneth Kaunda. Nigeria, February, 1972, Head of the Federal Military Government, General Yakubu Gowon. Jamaica, August, 1972, Prime Minister Michael Manley. U.S.A., November, 1972. Great Britain, December, 1972, accompanying Prime Minister.

5. November, 1968 (with Prime Minister): November, 1969 (with Prime Minister): July, 1970: June, 1972.

6. Mr. Head reports to the Prime Minister during and on his return from these missions. Copies of these reports are made available concurrently to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and discussions with that Minister follow Mr. Head's return.

7. This answer refers only to those visits listed in parts 3 and 5 when Mr. Head was not accompanying the Prime Minister. In every instance but one, Mr. Head was accompanied in his discussions with Heads of Government by the Canadian Head of Mission. In discussions with senior officials he was accompanied by the responsible officer of

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the Canadian Embassy or the Canadian High Commission (which in some cases was the Head of Mission). On each visit to the U.N., he was accompanied by the Canadian Ambassador.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—MANPOWER STRENGTHS

Question No. 417—**Mr. Cossitt:**

What was the numerical strength of the Canadian Armed Forces at the end of (a) April, 1968 (b) October, 1972?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Paid strength as of April 30, 1968, 100,897; October 31, 1972, 82,849.

ESTABLISHMENT OF TELESCOPE ON MOUNT KOBAU,
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 430—**Mr. Whittaker:**

1. Was there a decision by the government to establish a telescope on Mount Kobau in British Columbia and, if so, when was that decision taken?

2. Was a subsequent decision taken not to go forward with the telescope on Mount Kobau and, if so, on what date and for what reason?

3. Was a telescope constructed for installation on Mount Kobau and, if so (a) by whom (b) at what cost (c) where is the telescope at the present time?

4. Has any reconsideration been given to the installation of the telescope at Mount Kobau, or at any other site, since the decision was taken not to install it on Mount Kobau and, if so (a) what other sites are being considered (b) on what date will a decision be rendered?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): In so far as the National Research Council of Canada is concerned, the answer is as follows: 1. A decision to establish a telescope on Mount Kobau was taken by the government in September, 1964.

2. The government decided to discontinue the project in August, 1968. Revised cost estimates were far higher than earlier estimates and many scientists felt that the use of the telescope would be severely restricted by unfavorable viewing conditions.

3. Construction of the telescope had not begun when the project was discontinued. Feasibility studies only had been completed and the primary mirror blank and necessary polishing machines purchased. The blank and large polishing machine were turned over to WESTAR, a consortium of Canadian universities, in 1970 by the then Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

4. No further consideration has been given by the government to the installation of the telescope on Mount Kobau. Scientific appraisal has led to the conclusion that no site in Canada, including Mount Kobau, is as suitable as other sites such as Chile and Hawaii. The government has under consideration a proposal from France to share equally in the construction and operation of a telescope in Hawaii. No date has been set for a decision.