

the swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive. I rise also because of the Prime Minister's remark in the House yesterday, and I quote from page 2878 of *Hansard*:

I feel that the hon. member for Leeds especially will be proud when I win a gold medal for swimming.

I am sure that all hon. members of the House will wish the Prime Minister well in his quest for a gold medal because it at least shows that he is trying to do something as Prime Minister. My point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member has some complaint about the failure to answer the question perhaps he will put it.

Mr. Cossitt: My point of order, Mr. Speaker, is simply this: that the Prime Minister has now shown the reason for his haste in acquiring the pool, and surely the House can expect similar haste in making clear the list of donors, the amounts donated, whether tax concessions have been granted and whether, in other words, we can put aside any doubts regarding conflict of interest or impropriety in connection with the pool. I think that the House is entitled to this information, and I wonder if the parliamentary secretary or the Prime Minister could tell the House when this might be expected.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I do understand the interest of the hon. member, and I can understand his interest in investigating the matter. Perhaps the best way to reassure him is to say that if I am interested in a medal for swimming, he might be interested in a medal for diving, and I would invite him over to be the first to dive. He could even come before the water is in the pool.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Cossitt: On the point of order may I just say this: I would like to assure the Prime Minister that I could never equal his feat of walking on the water.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Each side having made an equal contribution to the point of order we have to move on to another one.

The point of order which has been raised has now been raised for the second time, and there is, from my examination of the rules and precedents, no authority in the Chair to decide that the House ought not to accept the suggestion that certain questions be deemed to have been made orders for returns in order that returns could be made. I can only say again, in response to some of the representations which were made on this subject, that I am sure there is a way to bring about a change in this procedure through the regular channels, and there does not seem to me to be any machinery open to the Chair to make that change. If hon. members want to see a change brought about in respect of the handling of these questions, there ought to be a way in which that subject can be discussed.

Order Paper Questions

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred questions 463, 632 and 1,018.

*ARCTIC TRAINING CENTER—CHURCHILL

Question No. 463—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What is the specific increase in allocation of personnel and of funds to Canadian Forces Arctic training as a result of the establishment of an Arctic Training Centre in Churchill for the present fiscal year?

2. What further steps does the government intend to take towards upgrading our Forces capability for Northern action?

3. What percentage of those who have undergone Arctic Training since January 1, 1969 are still serving with the Canadian Armed Forces?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is: the specific increase in personnel to the Canadian forces Arctic training centre, CFS Churchill is 15 personnel, and the increase in funds for fiscal year 1974-75 is \$102,594. The answer to the second part of the question is that the department, recognizing the need for continued emphasis on a Canadian forces capability in the north, plans to conduct the following: (a) exercises in the north to train specialists for response to possible large air disasters; (b) Maritime navigational and exploratory exercises in Hudsons Bay; (c) continuation of company battalion land group exercises, which provides northern training for several hundred personnel on each exercise; (d) continuation of Arctic instructor courses involving 25 candidates in each course; and (e) continuation of New Viking exercises throughout the year for both regular and reserve force personnel.

The answer to the third part of the question is that this information is not readily available, and the cost of obtaining it would be prohibitive. Approximately 30,500 service personnel have undertaken Arctic training since January, 1969.

*LANGUAGE TRAINING CLASSES FOR ANN-MARIE AND RENEE KENNEDY

Question No. 632—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Did the Department of National Defence provide entitlement in respect of francophone classes for Ann-Marie and Renee Kennedy, daughters of Mr. John Kennedy of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and, if so, to what grade level had each reached upon Mr. Kennedy's retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces?

2. How many years remained to be completed for each of the girls?

3. How many were in the grade from which the two girls had graduated?

4. Did the Minister of National Defence review the situation posed above and, if so, what conclusion was made?

5. Does the decision of the Minister to terminate francophone schooling in the above cases conform with the intent or spirit of the Official Languages Act?

6. Does the decision made by the Minister to refuse the children the ability to complete their final year in francophone classes define policy of the Department of National Defence with respect to the level of encouragement that French language training will receive from that Department?