

## STATUS OF HOLDERS OF RHODESIAN PASSPORTS

Question No. 419—**Mr. Robinson:**

Is it government policy that people holding Rhodesian passports are denied entrance to Canada?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** In a resolution passed on May 29, 1968, the Security Council decided "that all States Members of the United Nations shall: (a) Prevent the entry into their territories, save on exceptional humanitarian grounds, of any person travelling on a Southern Rhodesian passport, regardless of its date of issue, or on a purported passport issued by or on behalf of the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia; (b) Take all possible measures to prevent the entry into their territories of persons whom they have reason to believe to be ordinarily resident in Southern Rhodesia and whom they have reason to believe to have furthered or encouraged, or to be likely to further or encourage, the unlawful actions of the illegal regime in Southern Rhodesia or any activities which are calculated to evade any measure decided upon in this resolution or resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966." This is a mandatory decision of the Security Council, and Canada has complied with it in accordance with its obligations under the United Nations Charter. The entry to Canada, save on exceptional humanitarian grounds, of any person travelling on a Southern Rhodesian passport is prohibited.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR—MAN-HOURS SAVED AS A RESULT OF UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 447—**Mr. Robinson:**

How many man-hours have been saved as a result of the utilization of computers by the Department of Labour during each year since computers have been used?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** Estimates of man-hour savings achieved by means of computers cannot be made because the type of records required are not maintained. There are clear indications, however, that the use of computers has made available a substantial amount of information that would not have otherwise been available and has done so without any significant increase in man-hours.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR—LAY-OFFS AND HIRINGS AS A RESULT OF USE OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 448—**Mr. Robinson:**

As a result of the use of computers by the Department of Labour, how many employees have been (a) laid off (b) hired?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):** (a) Nil. (b) Records are not maintained in a manner which would permit the identification of employees hired specifically because the department is using computers, with the exception of those personnel classified as CSA or Com-

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puter Operating Personnel. There are 24 employees so classified in this department.

## WHEAT BOARD SALES—AMOUNT PAID BY GOVERNMENT TO FINANCE INTEREST CHARGES

Question No. 449—**Mr. Korchinski:**

1. In the past 10 years, what amount was paid by the government to finance interest charges on Wheat Board sales?
2. What amount, which was attributable to the interest charge, was charged to each pool (that is, wheat, oats or barley) in the same period?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** 1. The program to assist credit sales of wheat by subsidizing the interest rate to competitive levels was initiated in 1969. Up to November 30, 1970, the government had paid \$809,168.58 under this program.

2. Nil.

## OXFORD, N.S.—POST OFFICE

Question No. 465—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Have complaints been received by the Department of Public Works with regard to the post office constructed at Oxford, Nova Scotia and, if so, what was the basis of the complaints and from whom were they received?

2. Has consideration been given by the Department of Public Works to the enlargement of the post office at Oxford, Nova Scotia and, if so, what action will be taken?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. Yes, two complaints about the modest size of the building, from D. L. George Henley, M.L.A., Cumberland and from the local branch of The Royal Canadian Legion, were referred to the Department.

2. No.

## PARRSBORO, N.S.—POST OFFICE

Question No. 466—**Mr. Coates:**

1. On what date was a decision first reached to construct a new post office at Parrsboro, Nova Scotia?

2. Have delays occurred in constructing a new post office at Parrsboro and, if so, for what reason?

3. On what date are tenders to be called for the construction of this facility?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. June 26, 1967.

2. Yes, the Post Office Department requested that the project be deferred until the 1971-72 fiscal year.

3. It is planned to call tenders in the fiscal year 1971-72.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR—COST OF PUBLISHING "LABOUR NEWS HEADLINES"

Question No. 470—**Mr. MacRae:**

What is the estimated annual cost to the Department of Labour including the wages of staff, printing, paper, distribution, etc. of the publication entitled "Labour News"?