

Questions

around the red ring to make the roundel more readily visible against the camouflage paint of fighter aircraft. On bomber aircraft, such as the Lancasters and Halifaxes, the customary white circle was deleted because it was easily seen in the glare of enemy searchlights and the roundel was only a red circle surrounded by a blue ring. Later in the Far East and in the Aleutians the roundel on R.C.A.F. aircraft consisted of a blue circle surrounded by a white ring.

(a) In 1946 the air council, presided over by the Minister of National Defence for Air, approved that the red circle in the roundel insignia be replaced by a red maple leaf and this was effected later that year. By virtue of the Aeronautics Act, the Minister of National Defence, subject to the governor general in council, is authorized to make provision for the proper identification of military aircraft. Within these terms of reference it became policy for the maple leaf in the roundel insignia to be identical in pattern to the maple leaf in the armorial bearings of Canada depicted on the Canadian flag which also is displayed on R.C.A.F. aircraft. Following the adoption of the new Canadian flag the design of the maple leaf in the roundel markings was altered to conform to that in the flag.

(b) Recently air transport command, with the approval of the chief of defence staff, has been experimenting with a roundel consisting of a red ring around a red maple leaf on a white field and a few aircraft carry this marking. No decision, however, has been reached with respect to a change in the official roundel insignia.

RETIREMENT OF SENIOR OFFICERS

Question No. 1,836—**Mr. Fulton:**

1. What were the ranks of the officers who respectively occupied the positions of vice chief of the defence staff, chief of personnel, and comptroller general on June 1, 1966?
2. Have these officers retired from the Canadian armed forces since that time?
3. What were their respective ages at the date of retirement?
4. What is the retirement age specified for officers of these respective ranks?
5. To what annual pension will these officers be entitled respectively following their retirement?
6. With reference to the statement by the Minister of National Defence (*Hansard*, page 7306) that there was "mutual understanding" with respect to these retirements, did the discussions preceding these "mutual understandings" include reference to the part these officers were expected to play in their respective positions or other positions they might occupy in the forces with relation to the program of integration and with respect to their relationship

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to the minister, and were these roles or those alternative positions and those relationships acceptable to the officers in question?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): 1. (a) Lieutenant general, (b) Vice admiral, (c) Lieutenant general.

2. Yes.

3. (a) 49 years, (b) 51 years, (c) 52 years.

4. 55 years.

5. Approximately (a) \$11,680 (b) \$15,496 (c) \$11,699.

6. It is not departmental policy to make public discussions held by the minister with members of the Canadian armed forces.

DIRECT BANANA SHIPMENTS FROM
CARIBBEAN

Question No. 1,842—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Are any restrictions, governmental or otherwise, imposed upon the direct shipment by sea to Canada of Caribbean-produced bananas from any source, which have been the subject of complaint by any department?

2. If so, what has been the nature of the complaint, to whom was such directed, and with what result?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of Agriculture, External Affairs, Finance, National Revenue and Trade and Commerce as follows:

1. No.

2. Not applicable.

*FLOUR EXPORTS TO RUSSIA, CHINA, CUBA

Question No. 1,852—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

Has flour been exported from Canada to (a) Russia (b) China (c) Cuba, since the first day of January, 1966, by (i) The Quaker Oats Company (ii) Robin Hood Flour Mills (iii) Pillsbury Flour Mills?

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Both the minister and his parliamentary secretary being absent on official duty I was asked to answer this question in their place.

In reply to the right hon. member's question concerning flour exported from Canada to Russia, China and Cuba since January 1, 1966, by The Quaker Oats Company, Robin Hood Flour Mills and Pillsbury Flour Mills, I am advised by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that information about individual companies cannot be released in view of the secrecy provisions of the Statistics Act.