MILITARY ITEMS OR EQUIPMENT SOLD TO PORTUGUESE COLONIES

Question No. 136-Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):

1. Since 1960 what military items or equipment has Canada sold to Portugal and by type, at what cost?

2. Since 1960, what military arms or equipment has Canada sold to Angola, Mozambique or Portuguese Guinea?

3. Since 1960, has Canada sold any commodity that could be considered of a military nature, to Angola, Mozambique, Portuguese Guinea or Portugal?

4. To the acknowledge of the government are any Canadian arms or military equipment being used in the persecution of domestic conflicts in Angola, Mozambique or Portuguese Guinea?

5. In particular, are Canadian Sabre Jets being employed in any of these conflicts and, if so, when were these arms or equipment made available to these Portuguese colonies and from what country were they purchased?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See reply to question No. 1,617, answered October 7, 1970.

CURTAILMENT OF PUBLICATIONS DUE TO INCREASED MAILING CHARGES

Question No. 161-Mr. Macquarrie:

1. Does the Post Office Department have any estimate of the number of non-profit quarterlies, journals, magazines, newsletters which have ceased publication on account of increased mailing charges and, if so, what is the estimated number?

2. What is the estimated number of the above-mentioned which have for the same reason been forced to cut down the number of their publications?

3. What is the estimated number of letters and telegrams from groups and individuals received by the Post Office Department concerning increased postal rates for (a) publications (b) first class mail?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio): 1. No.

2. Not known.

3. This information is not readily available. To provide it would necessitate the expenditure of many hundred man hours which cannot be justified.

ADVISABILITY OF COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

Question No. 171-Mr. Robinson:

Will the government consider the advisability of providing a law requiring compulsory arbitration in order to avoid unnecessary strikes and the loss to the economy and to wage-earners when such strikes take place?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): In giving consideration to amendments that might be made to the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act, the provision of compulsory arbitration in the law has not received favourable consideration for a number of reasons, one being that, as has been the experience in other countries, it will not prevent strikes and economic losses arising from strikes.

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Inquiries of the Ministry CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES BY CORPORATIONS AND UNIONS

Question No. 172-Mr. Robinson:

Will the government consider the advisability of requiring corporations and unions to obtain approval of their shareholders and/or members before making contributions to political parties?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): The Task Force on Labour Relations made some recommendations with respect to trade unions and political action. The government's position on this will be made known when the bill to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act is brought forward.

NEWSTART PROGRAM-THE PAS, MANITOBA

Question No. 223-Mr. Simpson:

1. What is the annual budget for the NewStart Program at The Pas, Manitoba?

2. How many persons are employed under this Program?

3. Has a consultant or consultants been hired by NewStart at The Pas and, if so, what is the name of the consultant or consultants?

4. What are the duties of the position of consultant and what qualifications were required?

5. What remuneration is being paid to the consultant or consultants?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. The budget of Manitoba NewStart for 1970-71 is \$950,000. Budgets for future years will be determined on the basis of the program which is approved annually by the provincial Minister of Education and the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

2. Manitoba NewStart currently employs 51 persons.

3, 4 and 5. Manitoba NewStart is an autonomous corporation and the information requested should be obtained by writing to: Mr. W. C. Thomas, Executive Director, Manitoba NewStart Inc., P.O. Box 5000, The Pas, Manitoba.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF PIERRE LAPORTE—POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF PAUL ROSE—PUBLICATION OF PICTURE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Solicitor General whether a prime suspect, Paul Rose, was under police surveillance for perhaps as long as 48 hours between the time of the kidnapping of Mr. Laporte and his murder and that he escaped from police surveillance during that period—perhaps as late as October 16, the day before the War Measures Act was invoked? If so, did the Solicitor