

Questions

from service upon the commencement of regular service by the MV *John Hamilton Gray*. Subsequently, because of its age and the substantial expenditure that would be required to continue operating the vessel, the *P.E.I.* will be retired from the service. No decision has as yet been made as to its eventual disposition.

3. Current expectations are about mid-October, 1968.

SECURITY FILES ON FRANÇOIS DORLOT

Question No. 211—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Was information in connection with François Dorlot contained in Immigration, Security and R.C.M.P. files made available to any persons outside of the aforementioned Departments, including members of the Press, Radio and T.V. media?

2. If so, by whom, and was this done with the knowledge and/or approval of the Departmental Minister concerned?

3. Do the Security or R.C.M.P. files show that Mr. Dorlot is or was a member of the Mouvement Souveraineté-Association?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1 and 3. It is not in the public interest to discuss or to disclose the contents of R.C.M.P. files or files of other departments containing security information. No information, therefore, can be given as to whether or not the name of Mr. François Dorlot is contained in them. However, while no inference is to be drawn as to whether or not such files do contain information pertaining to François Dorlot, assurance can be given that, so far as can be determined, no persons connected with immigration, security or R.C.M.P. have given any information concerning him to the press, radio or T.V. media.

2. Answered by No. 1.

CANADIAN COMMUNICATION SATELLITE

Question No. 212—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. Has the Government of Canada made the necessary arrangements to secure the required frequencies and orbital positions for a Canadian domestic communication satellite?

2. If not, what is the nature of the difficulty?

3. Has the Government of Canada established the necessary criteria under which a domestic satellite communication system can be established and made operational?

4. If so, what are these criteria (other than engineering and technical)?

5. What form of ownership will the domestic satellite communication corporation have?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General): In so far as telecommunications is concerned,

[Mr. Hellyer.]

1. Preliminary action has been taken but further steps will be necessary. These further steps will be carried out in accordance with ITU agreements when the technical characteristics of our satellites are more fully determined as a result of the planning process now in progress in my Department and in Canadian industry. The use by Canada of radio frequencies on a domestic communication satellite requires co-ordination with other countries and eventual formal clearance through the International Telecommunications Union.

2. Answered in 1 above.

3. and 4. Yes. These are described in the white paper on "A Domestic Satellite Communication System for Canada" published by the Minister of Industry, on March 28, 1968.

5. The form of ownership will be prescribed in the legislation expected to be introduced during the current session relating to the proposed corporation.

BLANKET SALES BY CROWN ASSETS

Question No. 218—**Mr. Marshall:**

When the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation sold blankets to Fortier and Associated Services Limited of Edmonton for \$8,250 and to Hercules Sales Limited of Toronto for \$5,113 (a) what was the number of blankets involved in each sale (b) what was the sale price per blanket in each transaction (c) what was the original cost of the blankets to the Canadian Government and, (d) why was it found necessary to dispose of them?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Defence Production and National Defence as follows: (a) No. of blankets sold to Fortier and Associated Services Limited, Edmonton, 5,000; No. of blankets sold to Hercules Sales Limited, Toronto, 2,734; (b) Sale price per blanket sold to Fortier and Associated Services Limited, Edmonton, \$1.65; Sale price per blanket sold to Hercules Sales Limited, Toronto, \$1.87; (c) \$6.00 each; (d) The blankets were procured prior to 1949 and continuous usage had resulted in shrinkage rendering them unfit for further use.

U.S. HARMON AIR FORCE BASE,
NEWFOUNDLANDQuestion No. 219—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. When the United States Government deactivated Harmon Air Force Base in the Province of Newfoundland (a) to whom did ownership and control of the installation revert (b) did the United States retain any rights or interest in the property (c) did ownership of buildings,