

NATIONAL DEFENCE

OFFICER TRAINING PAY TO CADETS

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of National Defence. When will the 1968 officer training pay be paid to cadet groups?

[Later:]

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I asked a question in this house. It may have been considered argumentative, but I felt the Minister of National Defence wanted to answer it.

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I did want to answer that I did not know.

[Translation]

OIL

U.S. REACTION TO CANADIAN POLICY

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Could he tell us whether he has passed on to the President of the United States and to members of his cabinet the information given to him by the Canadian association of independent oil producers, to the effect that the Northern part of the United States could absorb between 150,000 and 200,000 barrels of Canadian fuel oil per day, and in the affirmative, what was their reaction?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have discussed this question broadly last week with the President of the United States, and we have agreed to organize meetings of officials, which are to begin effectively tomorrow in Washington. Canadian officials will discuss this problem with United States officials.

Mr. Lambert: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a complementary question.

Has the Canadian government adopted the same policy as the United States, particularly in appointing a group called a task force, made up of a committee of ministers whose task would be to follow this question, or is the Canadian government going to appoint only civil servants?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the responsible minister is looking into the matter very

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closely, and the work that he is having done is being done within the departments.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

THE MINISTRY

EFFECTIVE DATE OF BILL C-173

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I rise on a brief point of order, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that this is the first day of April, does that mean that Bill C-173 has come into effect, and may I ask the Prime Minister whether we should now call certain ministers by their new names or does there have to be some other formality?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the swearing in of ministers in respect of their new titles and functions took place at noon today. They would be honoured to be called by their new names now, especially the Minister of Communications.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): We have another name for him.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CONCURRENCE IN FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The house resumed, from Monday, March 31, consideration of the motion of Mr. Lessard (LaSalle) that the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, presented to the house on Wednesday, March 19, 1969, be concurred in.

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I understood that when the motion was called yesterday Your Honour recognized the hon. member for LaSalle. In view of the fact that the hon. member is the chairman and spokesman of the committee and was, I understand, prepared to take the floor—I also judge this to be so from what I can see from here—to justify and, hopefully, support the recommendation, I ask whether the hon. member is not going to speak in accordance with the fact that he was recognized by Your Honour?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's point of order is not well taken. If the