

Questions

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS—INVESTIGATION BY MINES DEPARTMENT

● (3:20 p.m.)

Question No. 1,345—**Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

1. Has the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys ever undertaken an investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects and, if so, are such investigations continuing at this time?

2. Have results of such investigations been made public and, if not, is consideration being given to making them public in future?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): 1. The geological survey of Canada and the observatories branch, both of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, investigate reports of sightings commonly called unidentified flying objects. These reports refer to a wide variety of phenomena and many of these are reports of spectacular meteors entering the atmosphere, for example, the one at 8:14 p.m. EDT on April 25, 1966. These may lead to the recovery of meteorites which are of great scientific interest to scientists of the department.

2. There is no attempt to restrict the results of such investigations and officers of the department frequently comment to the various news media on this subject.

LANGUAGE OF EMIGRANTS TO U.S.

Question No. 1,348—**Mr. Harley:**

In the past five years, what percentage of Canadian emigrants to the United States have English as their mother tongue and what percentage have French as their mother tongue?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): This information is not available.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

Question No. 1,350—**Mr. Ballard:**

1. What was the total amount of contributions paid into the unemployment insurance commission fund by both employees and employers for the calendar years 1964 and 1965?

2. What was the cost of administering the unemployment insurance commission (including the national employment service) for the year ended March 31, 1965?

3. What was the number of employees of the U.I.C., both permanent and casual, for the year ended March 31, 1965?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): I am informed by the U.I.C. as follows:

1. 1964, \$304,895,000.53; 1965, \$324,083,850.94.

2. \$54,253,989.57.

3. 10,340.

[Mr. Cantin.]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REPORTED USE OF DRUG IN SCENE FOR "THIS HOUR HAS SEVEN DAYS"

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State, and is based on a world copyright story in the *Telegram* today reporting that a 17 year old girl had alleged to the *Telegram* that while under the influence of a pill she was photographed in bed with two youths by the roving camera of a crew of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's "This Hour Has Seven Days" program, the incident apparently being laid on for the purpose of simulating a teen age marijuana party. Under whose authority was such a filming set up in the C.B.C.? Is the C.B.C. investigating the circumstances of this case, and is an investigation being made in respect of the extent to which the C.B.C. is permitted to go in its so-called artistic licence?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I learned of this matter just before coming into the house. I am informed that the C.B.C. is looking into the matter. I have a memorandum from the executive producer indicating, in his words, that the story is grossly inaccurate and in its essentials untrue. I would hope it is only a smear story and that the particulars are not accurate. However, I ask hon. members to give me a day or so to ascertain the facts, at which time I shall be happy to give them to the house.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. When the minister is making her inquiry will she also obtain for the members of the house information as to whether this was the real reason for the firing of the hosts of the "This Hour Has Seven Days" program? Would she also inform us whether the Department of Justice is investigating the circumstances, and whether any charges have been laid or whether it is the intention that any will be laid?

Miss LaMarsh: Mr. Speaker, I have not heard any reference to this matter before from any source. Therefore I cannot suggest to hon. members, nor has there been such a suggestion in the C.B.C., that any reference to the set of circumstances as alleged had anything to do with the announcement made by the C.B.C. management about two weeks ago.