

opportunity to express our views on the subjects discussed with President Nixon.

However, we hope that this arms race undertaken by the two great powers and other countries will come to an end, so that Europe and America will no longer be under threat of destruction.

I believe that the means of defence contemplated will protect us from such a disaster, and if Canada could be useful in contributing to defensive measures in order to avoid a conflict, we should do so. Above all, it would be very useful, I think, if Canada could be one of the first countries to start negotiations with a view to preserving peace and allowing us to keep on developing means for a decent living, instead of means of destruction.

[English]

FINANCE

TABLING OF REPORT OF AUDITOR GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1968

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I have tabled today copies in English and in French of the report of the Auditor General to the House of Commons for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1968. As the house is aware, the Financial Administration Act requires that the report of the Auditor General be laid before the house on or before the 31st day of December or, if parliament is then not in session, within 15 days after the commencement of the next ensuing session. The Auditor General has asked me to express his apologies to members of the house for the delay.

LABOUR RELATIONS

TABLING OF WOODS REPORT

Hon. Bryce S. Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, with the permission of the house I would like to table copies in English and in French of the report of the task force on labour relations. I would also point out to the house that I prefer not to make a detailed statement at the same time in view of the fact that the opposition parties, and in particular their labour critics, have not had an ample opportunity to study this report in depth. However, I would like to take advantage of Standing Order 41(2) to table along with the report a very short and non-controversial statement which does not deal with the recommendations of the Woods report.

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker—

Questions

Mr. Speaker: Order. My understanding is that the Minister of Labour was not making a statement. I am not sure whether he presented a non-statement to the house, but if my interpretation is correct, under our Standing Orders there should be no statement by any member of other parties.

Mr. MacEwan: Mr. Speaker, I will not trespass on your ruling, except to point out that I did receive a copy of the report and that I was ready to reply to the minister today. However I shall reserve that for a later date.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CENTENNIAL ENTERTAINERS

Question No. 639—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Which Canadian groups of classical and popular entertainers were sponsored by the Centennial Commission on national tours during 1967?

2. Which of these paid their way, in gate receipts, and which were subsidized by the Treasury, and in what amounts?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):

1. Les Feux Follets, Anne of Green Gables, Holiday Theatre, Don Messer Jubilee, National Ballet, National Youth Orchestra, Neptune Theatre, Théâtre du Nouveau Monde, Théâtre du Rideau Vert, Stratford Festival, Best of Barkerville, Ian and Sylvia, Monique Leyrac, Gordon Lightfoot, 100 Year of Musical Comedy, Les Chansonniers, Jean-Pierre Ferland, Ginette Reno and Donald Lautrec, The Travellers.

2. The Centennial Commission, through its Festival Canada Agency, paid travelling expenses, productions costs and a portion of the ticket subsidy for groups and individuals on national tour during 1967. The ticket subsidy was shared with the provinces and was intended to provide this entertainment to as many people as possible at popular prices. As the ticket prices were much lower than the normal commercial rates for each performance, no off-setting revenue was expected or received.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,124—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. For the years 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968, what are the total annual number of employees of the Department of Industry and what is the total expenditure for salaries and wages?