

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Jim Schroder (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: No. 4,168.

[Text]

**ESPIONAGE OFFENCES**

Question No. 4,168—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. In the past 30 years, how many times was the Security Service of the RCMP penetrated by foreign powers, as mentioned in the August, 1981 McDonald Report, 2-2, p. 714 and, in each case (a) what was the (i) name of the foreign power (ii) date of apprehension (iii) rank of the RCMP officer or the classification of the RCMP civilian employee (b) what action was taken against employees of the RCMP who became agents of foreign powers?

2. Since World War II, how many persons were charged with espionage offences under the Official Secrets Act, as referred to in the October, 1979 McDonald Report, 1, p. 4 seq. and in the August, 1981 McDonald Report, 2-1, p. 65 and, in each case (a) on what date were the charges laid (b) what were the names of the persons charged (c) what was the disposition of the case?

3. Were any studies commissioned by the Planning and Transitional Group concerning Canada's Security Service, established in August, 1981 and, if so, in each case (a) what were the terms of reference (b) who were the contractual parties (c) what was the amount of money involved (d) what was the deadline for completion of the study?

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Justice and the Solicitor General as follows:

1. It would not be in the public interest to elaborate on information provided in the McDonald Reports, concerning this matter, other than to confirm that the Government was advised in 1977 of a case involving foreign penetration of the RCMP Security Service. At the time, the Government was advised there was insufficient evidence to prosecute any person involved either under the provisions of the Official Secrets Act or the Criminal Code of Canada. In view of recent developments concerning this case, the original determination concerning prosecution is being reconsidered by officials of the Department of Justice.

2. Since World War II, 23 persons were charged with espionage offences under the Official Secrets Act.

(a) To provide information as to the dates of charges under the Official Secrets Act would require an inordinate amount of time and manpower.

(b) and (c)

Names of Persons

Emma Woikin  
Kathleen Mary Willsher  
Edward Wilfred Mazerall  
Harold Samuel Gerson  
James Scott Benning

Disposition of Charges

Convicted—2½ years  
Convicted—3 years  
Convicted—4 years  
Convicted—4 years  
Acquitted on Appeal

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David Gordon Lunan	Convicted—5 years
William Pappin	Acquitted
Eric George Adams	Acquitted
Matt Simons Nightingale	Acquitted
Agatha Chapman	Acquitted
David Shugar	Acquitted
Philip Durnford Pemberton Smith	Convicted—5 years
Frederick Poland	Acquitted—1 charge Dismissed—1 charge
Israel Halperin	Acquitted
Henry Harris	Acquitted on appeal—2 charges
Fred Rose	Convicted—6 years
Raymond Boyer	Convicted—2 years
Sam Carr	Convicted—6 years
Freda Linton	Charges withdrawn
John Douglas Creighton	Charges dismissed
Peter Worthington	Charges dismissed
Bower E. Featherstone	Convicted—2½ years
Peter Alexander Treu	Acquitted on appeal

3. Yes, three.

(1) (a) As a consultant, to study and provide recommendations for the establishment of a professional audio-visual capacity with the new Service. (b) Department of the Solicitor General and G.E. Nixon. (c) Total amount for recommendations was \$2,000. (d) This contract was in effect from May 26 until July 3, 1982.

(2) (a) As a consultant, to study and develop a model of an information management system for the new Service. (b) Department of Solicitor General and the Centre for Conflict Studies, University of Brunswick. (c) The total project was not to exceed \$30,000. (d) This contract was in effect from April 28 until December 31, 1982.

(3) (a) As a consultant, to assist telecommunications task force in: (i) planning, policy and project co-ordination; (ii) conducting communications surveys; (iii) writing required procedures; and (iv) preparing study documentation for the Transitional Group. (b) Department of the Solicitor General and Melvin Henry Watson. (c) \$130 per day for each day during which the consultant is involved providing services. Total amount will not exceed \$20,000. To date, no services have been provided. (d) This contract is to be in effect from January 3 to October 31, 1983.

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**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** The question enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered.

**Mr. Schroder:** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.