

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the specific discussions which might have taken place between the minister and the Commissioner but this reform is one of a nature which is co-operated with completely by the RCMP. I see no cause for misunderstanding on it. It is a small unit within the minister's purview to co-ordinate findings and facts which come from various sources—the RCMP, the army and other provincial forces in Canada. It seems to me like a very sensible reform.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question. I think the Prime Minister is aware that the RCMP have looked after security. Let me put this question to him succinctly. Did the RCMP through the Commissioner or any other body involved in security agree to a separate civilian force being set up by the government in so far as security is concerned?

Mr. Trudeau: Here again I think there is a misunderstanding. This is not a separate security force as the member seems to understand. It is a small co-ordinating body to make sure that the minister and the cabinet have information collected from various sources, including the RCMP, so that the government will be better informed on the facts spread around in the various government departments. I mentioned defence, the RCMP and the various provincial government and municipal police forces. It seems to me if we did not have this type of co-ordinating body the opposition would be rightly blaming us for not co-ordinating our information.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, could the Prime Minister now tell us who is going to head this force in question?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I just said it was not a force and therefore nobody is going to head it.

Mr. Woolliams: Who is going to head it?

Mr. Trudeau: Who is going to head the non-force, Mr. Speaker? A non-head.

CIVILIAN SECURITY FORCE—REQUEST FOR REFERENCE OF SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might direct a supplementary to the Prime Minister. Inasmuch as the announcement about this, whatever it is, was discovered after the estimates had proceeded through the committee and had been reported to the House, would the right hon. gentleman be prepared to introduce a motion in the House referring the subject matter to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs so that all the misunderstandings can be explained and all the non-heads can be disclosed?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. If I did I am sure the misunderstanding would be supported by members just the same.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister whether an earlier answer to a ques-

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tion meant that the Solicitor General was to head this group in his department?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[*Translation*]

QUEBEC—THEFTS OF ARMS AND DYNAMITE—DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct to the Minister of Justice a question related to the one we have just discussed.

Thefts of arms, dynamite and objects of similar nature were reported repeatedly in the province of Quebec this summer. Has the federal Minister of Justice been in touch with his Quebec counterpart with a view to finding out who the culprits are and what their object is?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the question should be directed to the Solicitor General who is responsible for the RCMP.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—CONTINUATION FINANCIAL AID

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State.

Considering the success of the Opportunities for Youth program, would the minister tell us if some thought is being given to maintaining the financial assistance given to some of those projects?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, there is no intention of maintaining the financial assistance after the end of summer as the program was provided for that season. No extension of the grants was provided for in the program.

[*English*]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR FINAL REPORT

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Secretary of State. In view of the considerable number of reports, surveys and studies which have been done by a variety of Opportunities for Youth projects across the country and which are presently being submitted or have been submitted to the minister's office, can the minister indicate when he will be prepared to make some kind of final statement on the over-all program this summer as well as indicate the disposition of the work done by these thousands of young people in a variety of social areas in the past three or four months?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): In all likelihood, Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of or in mid-October.