

one we have in Medicine Hat that his contract is cancelled because he will not handle this trashy stuff, there is a monopoly in existence. That is what I am objecting to today. It seems to me that a situation of that kind should come under the Combines Investigation Act. Without a doubt there is a monopoly in connection with the handling of crime comics and many of our other good magazines today. I think it is about time that the matter was looked into.

Mr. Garson: Mr. Chairman, I told my hon. friend in the clearest language I could command that we have been looking into it. In order to make it abundantly explicit, I may add that it is two or three weeks since we started looking into it; the matter is still being considered, and will be carried right along.

Mr. Wylie: We are glad to hear that.

Mr. Drew: The minister has just said, in effect, that what we require is better administration of the laws we have rather than tinkering with those laws. It is in relation to that remark and that point of view that I wish to refer to the fact that every statement that may be made in the House of Commons or may have been made during this present session in regard to the strengthening of the laws dealing with subversive or traitorous activities is utterly meaningless unless the laws are acted upon when they are passed. As an example, I would just draw to the minister's attention the sort of thing that is going on and with which it must surely be possible to deal under the laws as now widened if not under the laws which already existed.

On May 2 last there appeared in different papers in Ontario the report of a May-day gathering in Toronto. I give this particular quotation from the *Toronto Star* perhaps with the idea that it might be regarded as the favourite Toronto newspaper of the Minister of Justice. As to what was said at that May-day meeting, where the name of several well-known communists appeared, the report reads as follows, and I quote from the *Toronto Star* of May 2:

He was followed—

And the "he" in that case was a well-known communist, Mr. Norman Freed.

—by one of two women on the committee, Mrs. Kari Levitt, Vienna-born leader of the year-old National Federation of Labour Youth.

Mrs. Levitt, who has been in Canada three years, told the heckling students, "The poor boys in the U.S. are being drafted. You might be next. But you can go to college and have fun, not like the men of the Gloucester regiment who were slaughtered the other day. The workers will fight for you.

Mr. Chairman, I would point out that if this report is correct—and it would appear to be correct because of the unanimity of the

reports which appeared—it seems to be quite clear that this woman is not a citizen of this country, and that she had the effrontery to go before a group of Canadian young people and tell them to stay here, to have fun and not to bear their responsibilities which they might be ready to accept at a time like this.

Without invoking any of the provisions in regard to treason or any of the new provisions made in that respect, we were told that the amendments to the citizenship act would make it possible to deport people who acted in that way. I am drawing this matter to the attention of the minister with the suggestion—I will go further; with the most urgent request—that without delay he take appropriate steps to have this matter investigated; and if the facts are as they are found here, I suggest that this woman be deported without any further delay.

Then, Mr. Chairman, may I add that at this particular time, while we are hopefully waiting for the possibility that the fighting in Korea might be brought to a termination, while we know who caused that, we are still permitting the publication of scores of openly declared communist newspapers in languages other than English or French—and some in English and French—which have as their declared purpose the undermining of confidence in our democratic system, papers which contain week after week the most treasonable kinds of statements. I am confident that if they were properly examined plenty of ground would be found for action under the Criminal Code. I do suggest that, in the words of the minister, we will find that amongst the laws we have and under the laws we have we can deal with traitors of that kind.

Item agreed to.

Administration of justice—

173. Miscellaneous expenditure, including expenses of litigated matters, \$25,000.

Mr. Diefenbaker: A while ago I asked the minister what the legal costs were to date in connection with the Nolan case. I expect it comes under this item.

Mr. Garson: I will get these costs; I have not got them with me but I will have them ready by eight o'clock.

Item agreed to.

178. Combines investigation branch, \$248,060.

Mr. Knowles: Will the minister tell us what the status is of the commission that was set up to consider possible amendments to the Combines Investigation Act—the status of the commission's work?

Mr. Garson: The status of the commission is the same as it was at the beginning. That