

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

OTTAWA—REPORTED DELAY IN MAIL
DELIVERY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): My question is directed to the Postmaster General. Could I ask the minister if he is investigating allegations of slow delivery of the new and more costly mail, especially in view of a report in today's *Ottawa Journal* concerning a letter mailed in Ottawa on Wednesday last and delivered in the same city on Monday of this week?

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REQUEST THAT PROTECTION BE INCLUDED IN
CRIMINAL CODE

On the orders of the day:

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I have a question to direct to the Minister of Justice, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the housewives' charter to protect the consumer has now become part of Britain's criminal code, will the minister introduce similar legislation or consider such action in connection with his new omnibus bill to amend the Canadian Criminal Code?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I would certainly want to talk that over with the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

REPORTED SIGHTINGS OVER SIOUX LOOKOUT,
ONT.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River): My question is for the Minister of National Defence. In view of the numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects over Sioux Lookout, Ontario, and the fact the federal government maintains an expensive Pine Tree radar detection installation there, I should like to know if the Minister of National Defence has received any reports on these U.F.O.'s?

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure this is an urgent question. Perhaps it can be discussed at ten o'clock tonight.

PUBLIC SERVICE

ALLEGED THREATS BY MEMBERS OF CABINET

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): I have a question for the Prime

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps at this point I should take time out to introduce the Prime Minister to the hon. member for Burnaby-Seymour.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I again remind hon. members that there are only a few minutes left in the question period, so perhaps we should get on as quickly as we can.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Is the Prime Minister aware that civil servants are working under duress because of threats emanating from the Liberal caucus?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, some seem to think this is very funny. I follow my remarks by raising a question of privilege. I wish to draw to the attention of the house a matter which is of most serious concern to all. On national television last night a Liberal member of parliament expressed the opinion that threats were used against ministers in caucus in order to bring about desired results.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have time for one more question. The Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I can wait until the cheering dies down. I have in my hand a transcript of a program that was broadcast last night on national television.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member is raising a question of privilege about a matter which arose yesterday he ought to know that according to the rules he must give written notice to the Chair. He cannot raise as a question of privilege a matter which apparently, from what he says, arose yesterday, unless he gives the Chair written notice of his intention to do so.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): With respect, Mr. Speaker, this matter has very serious implications for the Prime Minister and the cabinet. I have in my hand the transcript of comments made on a television program last night, and I wish to