

Mr. Trudeau: I think the hon. member in the opening part of his question underlined very well the difference between his party and ours. They want to leave aside the government of Quebec; we do not.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

INFORMATION LEADING TO INVOKING OF WAR
MEASURES ACT

Mr. David Lewis (York South): In view of the Prime Minister's statement last Friday that Parliament and the country already have the information on the basis of which the War Measures Act was invoked, will the Prime Minister inform the House whether the government had the intelligence referred to in these words by the Minister of Justice on Friday, October 16, as recorded at page 215 of *Hansard*:

It is my hope that some day the full details of the intelligence upon which the government acted can be made public, because until that day comes the people of Canada will not be able full to appraise the course of action which has been taken by the government.

Did the government have such intelligence on which the invocation of the War Measures Act was based? If the government did have such a report, did the Prime Minister's statement last Friday express his final decision not to make it public?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, no, yes, no, Mr. Speaker. It was not a final decision. When I answered this question on Friday I added that it may be that we will have further facts to communicate to the House, but I impressed on the House then and I impress on the House now that the facts on which we did act are known to the people of Canada and indeed to this House. They are very clear facts. First, we had from the authorities of the province of Quebec and of the city of Montreal a clear statement that they apprehended insurrection. Second, there had been the abduction of two very important citizens in the province of Quebec, with an intention to murder them if the government did not give in to ransom. The third fact was circumstantial, if you wish, that approximately two tons of dynamite had been stolen in the province of Quebec this year, as well as a sizeable number of small arms and other ammunition. Also, there was a state of confusion and threats of violence in the province of Quebec. We decided to act on these facts as we interpreted them, and on this the government will stand or fall.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lewis: I ask the Prime Minister whether the Minister of Justice was speaking for the government when he said to the House:

—until that day comes the people of Canada will not be able fully to appraise the course of action which has been taken by the government.

What the Minister of Justice informed this House and the people of Canada is obviously contradicted by the Prime Minister. Was he speaking for the government—

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member will appreciate that he is now asking his question in the form of an argument. At this point it is no longer an acceptable question.

Mr. Lewis: I simply ask the Prime Minister whether the Minister of Justice was speaking for the government when he made the statement I just read.

Mr. Trudeau: The hon. member might read my own statement and draw his own conclusion.

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[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

SUGGESTED ADMINISTRATION UNDER GUARDIANSHIP

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister.

Does he intend to introduce a resolution providing for the placing of the CBC under trusteeship in order to clean up as it should be this haven for rebels who are well-fed at public expense?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, and I do not see that the hon. member has himself asked to introduce a bill to this effect.

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[English]

NATIONAL SECURITY

ALLEGATION BY MAYOR OF MONTREAL THAT FRAP IS
HAVEN FOR TERRORISTS AND REVOLUTIONARIES

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Solicitor General supplementary to that asked by my hon. friend from York South. On Friday I asked the Solicitor General whether the contentions of Mayor Drapeau concerning the FRAP organization in Montreal were communicated to the federal government or to the RCMP, and, if so, whether they were accompanied by supporting information and evidence. The Solicitor General indicated he would try to provide whatever information he could today. I wonder whether he is in a position to do so now?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker. On Friday the Solicitor General made it perfectly clear that he had no intention of entering the Montreal municipal election.

Mr. Lewis: It took place yesterday.

Mr. McIlraith: The hon. member for York South seems to be very knowledgeable on that subject. In any event, after making this clear I said I would look at the hon. member's question and if I saw anything in it which could be answered I would do so. I found nothing which required an answer.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!