

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

At one moment, Miss Denoncourt succeeded in shutting herself up in a room, with the telephone, and in getting in touch with another brother of Mr. Denoncourt, who is a teacher and lives in Longueuil.

When he reached the home of Mr. Jean-Louis Denoncourt, the police officers almost denied him entry, requiring him beforehand to identify himself before entering his brother's home, which is quite an abnormal situation.

When Mr. Denoncourt's mother arrived, the police officers were openly rude to her, yet she had nothing to do with the whole matter.

They seized indiscriminately all the political literature of the R.I.N. found at Mr. Denoncourt's, including a great deal of official information regarding the election campaign conducted by Mr. Denoncourt in the Laviolette riding, as well as the names of all those who worked in that election.

Following such action, Mr. Speaker, I would like to know who laid that complaint against Mr. Denoncourt. What kind of complaint was it? The police officers said they were looking for explosives but they did not find any. They left with the records of the political organization called the Rassemblement pour l'indépendance nationale.

I would like to know what the police officers were looking for. I would like to know if they found what they were looking for. I would like to know if the police officers took something else besides what they were looking for, and I would like to know also what they took with them. Did they give everything back to the owner? Did they find anything improper in Mr. Denoncourt's home? Has such a search been made at the same Mr. Denoncourt's home over the last two years? If so, who had laid the complaint? Did they find anything improper during those previous searches? On what were the complaints based at the time of the previous searches? I would also like to know the names of the police officers who made the search on November 10, 1966. Which police force obtained the search warrant? Why was the Royal Canadian Mounted Police there? Who had asked for or authorized them to be there? Were the seized documents photographed, and who has the pictures of the documents?

● (10:20 p.m.)

I ask these questions, Mr. Speaker, because there was a flagrant violation of a man's property simply because he is involved with political organization. I feel that a man may be a partisan of independence without having

political and electoral organization documents seized in his home.

I wish to protest against what has happened. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police were there, they did not object to preventing a young lady from calling a lawyer and another person from coming to his brother's home, and to acting impolitely toward that young lady's mother. Why did the Royal Canadian Mounted Police let that happen?

And do not tell me that such information is not ordinarily available, because public inquiries have been made in several such cases. But, because a partisan of independence is involved, people try to hide everything.

Let there be no hypocrisy, do not refuse to answer, let straight answers be given to the questions I have just asked.

[*English*]

**Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the Solicitor General regrets that he is unable to be here this evening, but I can assure the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) that the reply I am now going to give is substantially the reply the Solicitor General would have given had it been possible for him to be here.

I am informed that it is a long established practice, for obvious reasons, not to state whether an investigation has or has not been conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I wish to emphasize that no inference of any nature should be drawn from this reply. I understand that in regard to the issue raised by the hon. member for Lapointe a search warrant was obtained by a police force other than the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and that anything seized would be in the possession of that police force and not in the possession of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

**Mr. Grégoire:** That is not an answer, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member, but the time allocated to him for his intervention on the matter he wished to raise in the house has expired. The same applies to the answer. He heard the answer given on behalf of the government.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, am I allowed under the rules to rise on a question of privilege?