

## POINT OF ORDER

MR. MacKAY—BARRICADES ERECTED OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order, or a point of information. As Your Honour is well aware, the matter of barricades was dealt with today in motions under Standing Order 43, and again in the question period. I think this is a matter of some disquiet to members.

Having looked very briefly through the fifth edition of *Beauchesne*, I wonder whether the Chair would take under advisement as a point of information the circumstances under which barriers or barricades are placed around the House of Commons, and clarify for the benefit of myself and others whether our security people should have the exclusive jurisdiction. I understand that, pursuant to rule 105, so far as the Centre Block is concerned there is no question whatsoever that the protective staff of both the Senate and the House of Commons, who are parliamentary employees, have sole and exclusive jurisdiction. Once outside this building, however, security and control of access are more directly under the control of the executive branch of the government.

I am curious, and other members are as well, about the extent of the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government on a matter as sensitive as this, as has been demonstrated today. I wonder whether the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan) has the proper jurisdiction to arrange on short notice to have these barricades taken down, or put up in the first instance, and to what extent Your Honour has the right to be consulted or not to be consulted in matters of this kind.

**Madam Speaker:** I think I can reply to the hon. member. There may be other questions to which I may not be able to give answers. Protection and security inside the House of Commons are, of course, the responsibility of the Speaker of the House. Outside the premises the responsibility is that of the Solicitor General. I have to assume it was under his responsibility that the barricades were erected outside the Parliament Buildings and under his responsibility that they have been removed, if they have been removed. I have not been out there to see.

There is a clear division of responsibility. I assume it must flow from the kind of competence that is required to ensure protection and security inside the building as to what might be required outside the building. I do not know at what point this clear division of responsibility has been established. I can look into that. However, it is quite clear that the responsibility is so divided.

*Order Paper Questions*  
ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,584, 1,585, 1,631 and 1,640.

I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY, N.B.—TWENTY-FOUR HOUR FAST

Question No. 1,584—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Did more than 200 prisoners at the Dorchester Penitentiary, New Brunswick, in the month of August 1980, take part in a 24-hour fast?
2. Was there a major disturbance by sixty prisoners?
3. Did two convicted murderers escape from the penitentiary?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada is concerned: 1. Yes, on August 10, 1980, 265 inmates refused to eat lunch and 28 refused their supper in observance of the National Prison Justice Day.

2. There were no major disturbances involving 60 inmates. However, there was a sit-in in the exercise yard involving 157 inmates. This incident occurred August 20, 1980.

3. Yes, the escape took place on August 24, 1980, while a disturbance involving 25 inmates in one range was taking place.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY, N.B.—CONVICTED MURDERERS' ESCAPE

Question No. 1,585—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Did two convicted murderers escape from Dorchester Penitentiary, New Brunswick, in the month of July, 1980?
2. In the same month, was there a hostage-taking incident at the penitentiary?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada is concerned: 1. Yes, both inmates escaped on July 11, 1980.

2. Yes, on July 28, 1980, one inmate took a shop instructor hostage.

EMBASSIES—CONSULAR OFFICES—STAFF MEMBERS

Question No. 1,631—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. How many embassies and consular offices have staff members from the Department of (a) Industry, Trade and Commerce (b) Agriculture?
2. How many public servants in the offices are not covered by the budget of the Department of External Affairs?