

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 22, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

### PRIVILEGE

MR. LANGLOIS (MÉGANTIC)—APPEARANCES  
ON C.B.C. OF QUEBEC SEPARATIST

**Mr. Raymond Langlois (Mégantic):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege arising from an answer given by the Secretary of State, to be found on page 13205 of *Hansard* for Monday, February 20, 1967. The answer was directed to the hon. member for Lapointe, who had inquired about the number of invitations extended by the C.B.C. to different persons across the country to speak on political topics. My question of privilege has to do with persons to whom such invitations have been extended.

Looking at the answer given by the Secretary of State we find the name of Mr. Bourgault, leader of the Ralliement pour l'Indépendance nationale in Quebec, appearing four times under C.B.C. radio programs and five times on television or nine times in all, while cabinet ministers, men responsible for the country's administration, are listed as "nil". The name of the Minister of Justice is listed as "nil" under the radio column and "nil" under the television column.

I strongly object to the way in which the C.B.C. has proceeded to place Mr. Bourgault, a known separatist, in a category equal to, if not above, that of cabinet ministers of this country; I object to the use of the C.B.C. for the purpose of getting a subversive message, a revolutionary message across to the people of this country; and I for one, as a member of parliament and as a Canadian of the Dominion of Canada, am certainly not willing to sit back without making a protest in these circumstances.

The second part of my question of privilege also relates to the C.B.C. and to the nature of some of the programs which are produced—

[Translation]

—for instance the program "Aujourd'hui" which is subversive, revolutionary and undesirable, particularly at this time when the situation is so tense in the country. I feel that

the said program is perverted and abnormal, that it is presented not only to bring up problems still more difficult than those we are faced with, but also to brainwash the Canadian people, particularly the population of the province of Quebec.

Consequently, Mr. Speaker, I move:

[English]

That this subject matter be referred to the standing committee on films, broadcasting and the arts for immediate investigation, and that the said committee report back to this house before the end of the present session.

**Mr. Speaker:** Before submitting the motion suggested by the hon. member for Mégantic the Chair has to decide whether there is a prima facie case of privilege. I have listened to the argument put forth by the hon. member for Mégantic, and I must tell him that I have no hesitation whatever in reaching the conclusion that there is no question of privilege at all in what he has raised. He may have a grievance, but I do not think the subject matter goes beyond the nature of a grievance. It cannot be accepted as a question of privilege.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### CHIEF OF RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIAL DIVISION, INDIAN AFFAIRS

Question No. 2,480—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Who is the chief of the resources and industrial division of the development directorate of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?
2. How long has he held the position?
3. What are his academic qualifications?
4. What is his previous experience in working with Indians either in the department or elsewhere?
5. What are his duties and responsibilities and to whom does he report?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** 1. Mr. Roy Gladstone Young.

2. Since November 8, 1965.

3. Academic qualifications: (a) University of Toronto, B.A. honour geography, (b) University of Toronto, postgraduate. Studies