

there are grounds for them in order not to finance subversion with the Canadian taxpayers' money.

It is high time for the Parliament to take a firm stand and I was pleased by the recent statement of the Secretary of State of Canada (Mr. Pelletier) and by that of the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), to the effect that subversion and terrorism must be ended, especially in the province of Quebec; the Ralliement Cr ditiste supports unconditionally the setting up in the earliest future of that committee which will report to us by December 5 next.

[English]

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, just before you put the motion there are one or two observations I should like to make. May I say first of all that I certainly support the reference of this matter to the committee, but I am afraid that it may entail great expense and another call on the taxpayers' money. I think that at the early stage of this investigation it is unnecessary to hire counsel. Counsel from the Department of Justice should be sufficient, at least to start with.

I also believe that the committee should not be given the authority to adjourn from place to place. I think it would be much more in line with the drive toward economy of the present government to subpoena the witnesses who are to be heard and have them come to Ottawa. Then all the meetings would be held here and Members of Parliament could attend those meetings as well as attend the House.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have listened with great interest to what has been said regarding the establishment of this committee, and I make special reference to the observations of the hon. member for Wellington (Mr. Hales). Certainly the members of this party are always concerned about the amount of money that is to be charged to the taxpayers. On the other hand, I believe that at this stage the right to appoint counsel should be included. Whether or not counsel will be used will be largely determined, I believe, by the course the proceedings will take. I should like to say as an illustration that we will have an opportunity later this session to debate the report made last session by the Special Committee on Statutory Instruments, and that without the valuable assistance which counsel was able to provide to that committee it would have been impossible not only to put the report together

as well and effectively as it was done but to buttress it with the precedents, citations and supporting evidence upon which it is founded.

• (11:20 a.m.)

I have never discovered any inability on the part of members of the house to put questions, and when the committee meets there is no doubt that the members of the committee will launch a searching inquiry. If matters come to light which may reflect on individuals, then I think the committee should be able to use the power which will hopefully be given to its members and engage counsel as and when it becomes necessary. I make that point, Mr. Speaker, to indicate the position that we take.

Motion agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN SPEAKER'S GALLERY OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBERT GUERISSE

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, before oral questions are called perhaps I might have the indulgence of the House to point out the presence in Your Honour's gallery of Brigadier General Albert Guerisse, Surgeon General of the armed forces of Belgium.

General Guerisse is well known to Canadians under his wartime code name of Pat O'Leary, when he was among the most outstanding leaders of the underground resistance movement in occupied Europe. As a prisoner in the infamous Dachau concentration camp his activities in the latter stages of the war resulted in saving the lives of many thousands of the prisoners in that camp.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

LABOUR RELATIONS

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—EFFECT ON WEST COAST PORTS—INQUIRY AS TO ACTION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister what action, if any, his government intends to take in connection with the strike that has paralysed all five seaports on the west coast?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will have to defer to the Minister of Labour. He is working on a solution