

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE**MONTREAL—PROTECTION AGAINST BOMB DAMAGE**

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence arising from the answer given yesterday concerning bombings at armouries in Montreal. The minister said that steps had been taken to protect the property of the government of Canada. In view of the second bombing last night which damaged both public and private property, will the minister say whether the government regards the steps taken for the protection of property to be adequate and satisfactory.

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I think it has to be noted first of all that the second bombing, like the first one, actually took place outside the building. I think we can say that the most stringent measures we have taken must have had some effect, because the second bomb was discovered by the security guard who went inside to call the police. Unfortunately the bomb exploded before the police arrived. We are co-operating fully with the Montreal police in order to enforce security as much as possible.

[Translation]

EDUCATION**INQUIRY INTO VIOLENCE AT SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY**

Hon. Théogène Ricard (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Justice, I direct my question to the Solicitor General.

Has the Department of Justice instituted or will it institute an inquiry regarding the violence which erupted yesterday at the Sir George Williams University, and, if so, will the minister make a statement in this regard today or tomorrow?

Mr. Speaker: I doubt if this question comes under the administrative responsibility of the minister, but perhaps I should allow him to answer it.

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Hon. G. J. McLraith (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I doubt very much whether this [Mr. Speaker.]

is a matter for the federal authority. I would think it is rather for the local enforcement authorities in the area concerned. However, because of the seriousness of the situation I will look into the question further, and have an answer brought forward either by the Minister of Justice or myself.

[Later:]

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): My question is for the Minister of Transport in the absence of the Prime Minister, and it relates to events at Sir George Williams University. In view of the massive commitment of federal funds, the heavy damage to public property and the dangerous civil disorder, is it the intention of the government to institute with provincial authorities a judicial inquiry into the causes and events leading up to this shocking manifestation?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The Solicitor General has already said he will look into the matter, and I am sure he will report to his colleagues if he feels that any federal action is warranted in the circumstances.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): In view of the growing and concerted movement to disrupt and damage university life, is it the intention of the federal government to continue making a massive federal contribution to secondary education, with no questions asked, or will the government take action to come to grips—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

STUDENT LOANS**CURTAILMENT OF GRANTS TO FOREIGN STUDENTS ENGAGED IN DISORDERLY ACTS**

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether consultations have been held with other ministers involved, such as the Secretary of State for External Affairs, where this pertains to the participation of foreign students, and the Minister of Finance, from the point of view of limiting loans to students who participate in this sort of activity.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there is already a question outstanding from the hon.