

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

situation, and secondly, the general problem of the overloading of this river by the dumping of industrial wastes.

I trust that you will understand my purpose in wiring you as I have done and it is not with any view of seeking to intervene in a matter which is within the responsibility of the provincial authorities but in order that I may be in a position to discuss the matter with the many parties that are concerned with the problem and to be able to offer such technical help and assistance as may be best under the circumstances.

Paul Martin  
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

**Mr. Tucker:** Has the minister received any reply?

**Mr. Martin:** No.

[Later:]

**Mr. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether the officials he sent to Edmonton have as yet received certificates of analysis covering the various samples of water they took along the Saskatchewan river from Edmonton through Prince Albert. I ask this because it is a long time, and one would think that an analysis would be available after 90 days.

**Mr. Martin:** Mr. Speaker, I answered this question the other day. The analysis is under way.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** But, Mr. Speaker, this is today, not the other day. The department certainly should know whether the certificates of analysis are available now.

**Mr. Martin:** I can make no better reply than the one I have already given, that the analysis is under way. And if the analysis is under way, the certificates have naturally not been completed.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Ninety-six days!

### NATIONAL FILM BOARD

ALLEGEDLY OFFENSIVE PICTURE ENTITLED  
"FAREWELL TO OAK STREET"

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Charles Henry (Rosedale):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, notice of which I have given him. Is the minister aware that the national film board has plans to distribute a picture deeply offensive to the human dignity of many Canadians, the title being "Farewell to Oak Street"? Has the minister considered the advisability of a restricted distribution?

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**Mr. Speaker:** Unless the minister is prepared to answer the question, I do not see the urgency of it. I think the member should put it on the order paper.

### OBSCENE LITERATURE

ALLEGED REQUIRED ACCEPTANCE BY NEWSSTANDS  
AND DRUGSTORES

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. E. G. Hansell (Macleod):** May I direct a question to the Minister of Justice? Has the minister's attention been drawn to a report of the Canadian pharmaceutical association to the effect that magazine distributors are forcing drugstores and newsstands to accept undesirable literature in packages distributed to them? Will the minister state whether any action is contemplated?

**Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank my hon. friend for having given notice of his question, and also for having included with it a news report in the *Globe and Mail* of a couple of days ago, upon which his question is based.

My attention has not been drawn to any report of the Canadian pharmaceutical association, and if the thought that it has been is based upon this news report I would point out that the report states this, in relation to my hon. friend's question:

The association executive yesterday approved a letter to the federal justice department commending the government for several recent prosecutions in the salacious literature field.

Then it goes on to say:

At the same time, the association revealed that many retail pharmacists, enlisted in the fight against crime comics, have met strong opposition from magazine distributors.

"Individual pharmacists," executive director John C. Turnbull said, "have been told they either must take the full package of magazines for sale, or not receive any."

I gather that the revealing of this information was probably made in the letter which is still to come to me. I have not received it yet. This being so, the only notice I have of it so far is in the newspaper item in question. Therefore I think that answers both the first and the second parts of my hon. friend's question.

### TRADE

JAPAN—INSTRUCTIONS TO CANADIAN DELEGATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Donald M. Fleming (Eglinton):** In the negotiations now current between representatives of the Canadian government and the government of Japan, looking to a trade