

what is behind all this. It just creates more questions.

I believe the Government has more responsibility than this, and certainly it applies directly now, not only to the Department of External Affairs but to the Minister of Justice as well, to see that we do receive accurate information that gives an answer to the question that is obviously in the mind of every Canadian today; that is, just where is espionage leading us in this country? The Prime Minister in his statement today said that one of the important objectives for giving out this important information, was to warn Canadians about the dangers of giving information to those who might be seeking it for such reasons as were these particular espionage agents. Would he not think that it would be a much better policy to release to the Canadian public information regarding espionage and subversive activities, rather than just letting it come out in this particular manner?

Yesterday I questioned the right hon. Prime Minister about this, as I have questioned the Minister of Justice on two different occasions in recent weeks, and the right hon. Prime Minister suggested that this could be taken care of in the External Affairs Committee. I do not accept that at all. It seems to me, in view of the fact that in recent months we have had agents active in this country who have been trained in one case in Algeria and in the other in Cuba, and who have been engaged in subversive activities this is just as important to the security of our country as foreign agents trying to gain secrets that certainly contravene the security of the nation. I believe the Government owes it to the Canadian people to either issue a White Paper relating to security in this country, or else to instruct the Minister of Justice or the R.C.M. Police that periodically information will be given out, in order that Canadian citizens can understand just how necessary and how important it is that the security of our nation be guarded, not just by those who have the responsibility to the nation for security but by every Canadian citizen.

I would urge, Mr. Speaker, that the Government consider, not setting up a Royal Commission, because this is not going to answer the question at the present time, but issuing a White Paper relating to espionage and subversive activities in the nation, or else instructing those agencies responsible for security to give out periodic information, in

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order that we can be informed in so far as it is essential that the public know what is going on, so as to avoid this kind of situation which both the Department of External Affairs and the Prime Minister have stumbled into with regard to this particular matter.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, we fully support the action taken by the government to expel, as ordered last week, those Russian communist spies. We believe that no official, in any embassy, should abuse Canadian hospitality. As a matter of fact we are showing enough courtesy in Canada to be respected ourselves and no foreign country should send spies over here to bribe our federal officials.

On the other hand, this proves beyond any doubt that there are within the Canadian civil service communists who are traitors to their country, and I think the Prime Minister and the government should give us the names of such federal employees as was done in the case of those involved in corruption and bribes as, for instance, in the case of Messrs. Denis, Dupuis, Rouleau, etc., whose names have been made public across Canada, creating the impression that such people could only be found in the province of Quebec. But now we find in the dens of co-operative federalism, if I may use the expression, spies kept informed by Canadians whose salaries are paid out of taxes levied against the Canadian people.

The Prime Minister and the government took the right action when they expelled those two Russian spies from Canada.

I think the R.C.M.P. should, in the future, keep a sharper eye on what is going on not only in one department but in the whole civil service. I know that the R.C.M.P. is doing a tremendous and intelligent job in this regard and that it finally discovers those who deserve to be called before the bar of public opinion, as was done today.

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have an announcement of some importance concerning the Northwest Territories. Developments in the past 20 years in the Northwest Territories have focused attention on