

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPORTED PREVENTION OF CIRCULATION OF CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I have a question as a warm-up pitch for the Minister of National Defence. Is the department now adopting a policy of preventing the distribution of publications unfriendly to unification while allowing distribution of others, and who acts as censor? I refer specifically to the case of maritime command bulletins.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has indicated himself that he has in mind the debate which will be continued later today. Perhaps at that time the problem could be considered.

Mr. McCleave: Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre): I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence whether circulation within the service of publications that are uncomplimentary to the minister are prohibited by him.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): Certainly not, Mr. Speaker. I can assure you that if they were there would be a lot fewer publications. We have tried not to interfere with freedom of speech with respect to publications.

Mr. Churchill: A supplementary question. It is true then that the minister and his program are quite unpopular with the services?

Mr. Hellyer: With my hon. friend, Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

[Translation]

EDUCATION

MANITOBA—LACK OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SEPARATE SCHOOLS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Prime Minister.

Since the Manitoba government, again this year as for many decades, has refused to include Manitoba separate schools in its school budget, contrary to the procedure followed in the province of Quebec, does the Prime Minister intend to resort to section 93 of the B.N.A. Act in order to meet the situation and allow Manitoba separate schools

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to cope with their present difficult financial situation?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's question is very interesting, of course, but I wonder whether it is appropriate on the orders of the day.

Mr. Grégoire: After the orders of the day, then, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to re-phrase my question to the Prime Minister once again, so that it will, I think, be acceptable.

Is the Prime Minister aware of the fact that Manitoba has decided to leave out the separate schools from the school budget of that province for another year? Is it the Prime Minister's intention to invoke section 93 of the B.N.A. Act to make a decision on this matter?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me, that the second question of the hon. member is strangely similar to the first and my conclusion will be the same, that is to say: it is not acceptable at this time.

Mr. Grégoire: I shall bring it up at ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker, because I feel it is an important matter that must not be concealed.

[English]

WINTER WORKS

REPORTED SPEECH BY MINISTER RESPECTING PROPOSED CHANGES

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It is based on the remarks he made to a Liberal meeting in Toronto over the week end. He is reported to be advocating changes in the municipal winter works incentive program. Will the minister make a statement to parliament as soon as possible outlining the proposed changes? Will he say whether he is anticipating a new policy or new legislation?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I have already announced in the house that we are revising this program. It can be seen in *Hansard* that somebody asked me a similar question a couple of weeks ago and I said we were revising this program.

Mr. Starr: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. When will the minister advise parliament what the revisions are to be?