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That was supposed to be approval of the kind of treatment he has been subjected to.

Sir, I come back to the point where I began. The revelations made by the Minister of Justice and by the Prime Minister in the last three or four days call out for an investigation. They are hiding something. They have hidden and concealed matters, one after the other, until finally, as information comes out in the press, they gradually back up and reveal a little more.

We want the facts of this case. If there has been wrongdoing at any other times it can all be brought out in a commission. It should be held, to assure us that Canada's security shall be maintained. Because, sir, if this matter is allowed to stand in its present form it means that a government can point out, designate, condemn, and a person has no recourse. Surely we have not come to that in this country?

**Mr. Nielsen:** We have not.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I again impress on the government the need of action. I know the Minister of Justice is not acquainted with these things. He is seldom before the courts at any time, according to what I am told. Yet he is able to tell us that he knows everything has been well done. It is not enough, sir. There has been too much hiding, too much concealment and deception practised on this house in the last few weeks in this connection.

I would not have believed it possible. In saying that I am making due allowance for hon. members sitting on the other side of the house. I would not have believed it possible that ministers of the crown would come before parliament and give the house a self-exculpatory, ill-digested and incomplete story, as this is.

Again I say that so far as the rest of the estimates are concerned, I think in general they will be accepted. Indeed, we are not going to be put in the position of having the government say "We will get this through because we have got to get supply." Bring in a supply bill immediately covering all the departments which have been passed so far and we will put it through at once.

● (12:30 p.m.)

**An hon. Member:** And the ones that have not been passed?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** We shall do it at once and I am sure the house will consent. But we do not intend to be placed in a position where the government can delude the house, conceal

things, fail to reveal facts which the house should know and hide behind the bulwark of security. We do not want any information which will reveal the secret operations of the R.C.M.P. But what has been stated here? The alleged trump card of the other day reveals that this man must have been operating for a long time unknown to the mounted police, trying to build up espionage networks within this country and outside apparently. Is it not a strange, puzzling story? If that is so, if he was able to get away with it, then there needs to be some checking up on our security activities.

This case has left a bad impression in the minds of many Canadians. No amount of insistence by the minister that this is a routine case can erase that impression. The failure to discover the truth in this case will be a black day in Canada's security history. There the minister is on television with two million people listening to him and he gives the man's name, his activities and his wrongdoing. The minister pretended the other day that this man was so well satisfied that he had not uttered a squeak. We find that this is not quite so. Even now, after all the denials which have been made by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice, do you not think, Mr. Chairman, that in the interest, first of all, of assuring that not only shall justice be done but that it shall appear to have been done, and also in the interest of assuring that our security measures are not honeycombed by weakness, failure or bad administrative technique, some positive step should be taken to deal with this situation?

When we had the investigation which was undertaken by the government of the day in 1945-46 a great deal was revealed. Evidence was brought out which showed the creation, not in embryo but the actual creation, of an espionage group operating against the welfare of the country to which its members owed allegiance. They were cleared out. The innocent were acquitted and the guilty were convicted. Let us have another such investigation behind closed doors now in the interests of security.

**Mr. Cardin:** In the course of this debate, which has been a most important one covering important subjects, there have been many speeches, particularly on the Spencer case. Some of these speeches were extremely hard-hitting, using very strong language. I refer particularly to the speeches made by the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam and the hon. member for York South. Although I do not