

*Oral Questions*

On November 4 and 5, 1985, more than two years ago, I raised the case of the Eagle Combat School in British Columbia, which was allegedly linked to terrorist activities. At that time I asked the Minister to raise the subject with the provincial Attorneys General, and he said he would consider that.

I want to know what has been done in those two years about this. The Minister should know that there is a growing number of these schools in Canada and in the United States, and they are very dangerous.

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I know that the Hon. Member would want to wish me a long and extended career as Attorney General. I was appointed Attorney General in June, 1986. I know that the Hon. Minister for International Trade and myself are two look-alikes. Perhaps the Hon. Member confused us because of our good looks.

The reality is that we are considering these matters. I cannot accept, without question, the premise of the question, except to say that we are looking at the whole matter of federal jurisdiction with respect to these matters. There is also provincial jurisdiction, which the Hon. Member will understand is involved in the regulation of camps and other facilities across the country.

The Hon. Member can rest assured that the matter will receive attention, and it will be discussed between myself and my provincial colleagues tomorrow and Friday when we meet in Quebec City.

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#### CANADA POST CORPORATION

##### DELAY IN DELIVERY OF RURAL DIGNITY'S MAIL—MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Canada Post. Is the Minister aware that Canada Post delayed Rural Dignity's mail for three days? And does he agree that such action is unacceptable and constitutes harassment due to this campaign to protect rural post offices?

[English]

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, no, I am not aware of the situation the Hon. Member talks about. I will convey his concerns to Canada Post Corporation which is responsible.

##### REQUEST THAT MINISTER INTERVENE

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, if the Minister confirms the facts as I have stated that Canada Post has held up the mail of Rural Dignity for three days, will

he take action in order to tell Canada Post that it is unacceptable and it is wrong to interfere with the delivery of mail, just because that group is fighting against the government's policy of tearing apart rural post offices?

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know about the facts. I have known from experience, and I hope that the Hon. Member will not take this unkindly, not to accept at face value the facts that he has laid out here.

As for Rural Dignity the Hon. Member knows, as I know, as the Post Office knows, that this is merely the Postmasters' Union going around the country making false accusations, false statements about the Government's intentions.

The number of postal outlets in rural Canada, which is currently 5,000, will rise to approximately 7,000 over the course of this corporate plan. There will be an increase in outlets in rural Canada, and an improvement in service as a result of what the Post Office is doing.

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#### TRADE

##### CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT— PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister for International Trade. Clause 6 of Bill C-130, the trade Bill, is there to enable the federal Government to carry out its obligations to the United States under Section 103 of the trade deal.

Is it not true that Section 103 of the trade deal does not require the federal Government to ensure compliance of provincial and local governments only in areas of federal jurisdiction? If that is the case, is it not true that Clause 6 of the trade Bill is intended to give the federal Government the authority to interfere in matters of provincial jurisdiction as well as federal jurisdiction?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I will repeat this and be as short as I can because I like to comply with your wishes. This Parliament cannot give any authority to the Government of Canada that this Parliament does not have under the Constitution of Canada. The only authority we can be given is the authority of the federal Government.

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With respect to the regulation of trade and commerce, interprovincial trade and commerce and international trade and commerce, the founders of this country gave the Government of Canada, and there is only one Government of Canada—there are 10 provinces but one national Government—authority over trade and commerce. That is the authority that we purport to exercise in this legislation because