

*Company of Young Canadians Act*

(d) There are no evaluation procedures with respect to the performance of volunteers and staff;

(e) There is no adequate procedure to deal with the grievances of volunteers or staff;

(f) There are no adequate policies for the suspension and dismissal of staff and the suspension or cancellation of volunteer contracts.

vi. The Company has no policies for the research, selection, evaluation, modification and/or termination of programs or projects.

Mr. Speaker, how can you expect an organization, made up of either young people or adults, subject to so few instructions and regulations, to be able to give the results expected of it at that time it was established, in 1966?

Therefore, it is not surprising that, left to itself, that Company started to turn towards purposes other than those assigned to it and that, for lack of control, some provocative or subversive agents anxious to take over, had managed to infiltrate into it.

The government must bear the responsibility of having failed, right at the beginning, to demand the right to control the activities of this Company, particularly their way of spending public funds.

The charges laid against them and the evidence submitted to the committee prove that money was shamefully wasted by several members of the Company.

Fortunately, they had only a limited budget though it amounted to \$2 million a year. In spite of this, can such a fantastic leakage be explained? Some crown corporations, for instance, the CBC, have a budget of some \$100 to \$125 million a year. The government has no say in the way the CBC spends the taxpayers' money. How can we not occasionally wonder about those corporations and ask for explanations from the responsible ministers?

If inquiries in depth could be made into the operations of the various crown corporations, we would probably be amazed at what goes on.

Accusations were made. The minister admitted it himself in the House when the matter was made public at a press conference given by the chairman of the executive committee of the city of Montreal. I have here an account of that conference which was televised.

I shall read a few excerpts to demonstrate the gravity of the accusations. I quote:

We now know that in Canada individuals and groups are working actively to implement a plan which will carry the destruction of freedom, of our

[Mr. Laprise.]

form of democratic government and, in this plan, the people's will, as expressed in the ballot box, is excluded.

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These individuals and groups are inspired and financed, in many cases, by foreign political powers related to on "International" that does not share our nation of man's fundamental liberties.

And Mr. Saulnier made that statement immediately after the unfortunate demonstration which took place in Montreal not long ago.

And I now resume my quotation:

In other cases, the same ideas and the same plan of action are supported by the government of Canada through the Company of Young Canadians.

For many months now, we have seized a substantial quantity of documents which justify me to put forward the previous assertions, and with the greatest certainty. It is enough today, and it is my duty to do so, to raise publicly a corner of the veil.

The partial disclosures to which I will limit myself today are but a small example of the things I know and which I have privately informed the Prime Minister of Canada a few times.

The Prime Minister of Canada was thus informed of the activities of some members of the Company of Young Canadians as well as of others who were jeopardizing our freedoms and our democratic system.

I go on with the quotation:

These facts justify me to request formally and publicly a public Royal Commission of Inquiry on the clearly subversive activities of the Company of Young Canadians.

This is clear. Mr. Saulnier is not requesting a royal inquiry on just anybody or anything but on the clearly subversive activities of the Company of Young Canadians.

Moreover he states further, and I go back to the quotation:

The same facts justify the Prime Minister of Canada, while this inquiry is going on, to cut short and without delay any supply of public funds to this organization.

The same facts justify the citizens of Canada to ask their government to prohibit the use of public funds to support activities of the type which follows:

We know that after this statement by the chairman of Montreal's executive committee, many other municipalities of the province of Quebec and elsewhere where the Company of Young Canadians was active then also requested from the government a royal inquiry, by means of resolutions.